

## HB 1565 -- SUPERMAJORITY VOTE REQUIREMENT

SPONSOR: Christofanelli

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Government Efficiency by a vote of 5 to 4. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 2.

This bill increases the requirement to pass a statutory ballot measure via the initiative from a majority vote to 60% of affirmative votes.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that if you are going to circumvent the legislative process, it should be by more than a simple majority.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Christofanelli.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that the current process has been working. This "issue" seems to have arisen in response to a specific initiative petition - Right to Work. Most issues on statewide ballot are put there by the legislature. Very few initiative petitions make it across the finish line.

Testifying against the bill were United Steelworkers District 11; Missouri AFL-CIO; and Missouri American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations.