

SCS SB 990 -- COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Hegeman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 11 to 0.

Currently, a school district may initiate an election for the voters of the district to decide whether to attach the district to a community college district. This bill permits a community college to initiate the election and pay its costs. The bill provides that the community college's board of trustees may call an election on a plan to attach the school district to the community college district and levy the community college district's tax levy.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will allow a community college to propose and pay for an election by the voters of neighboring school districts. The community college will benefit by expanding its tax base, and if they approve the plan the school district voters will benefit from reduced, in-district tuition at the community college.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Hegeman and the Missouri Community College Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.