HB 359 -- EMERGENCY FIRE SERVICES

SPONSOR: Roeber

This bill creates a process by which any city of the fourth classification with more that 5,000 but fewer than 5,500 inhabitants and located in any county with a charter form of government and with more than 600,000 but fewer that 700,000 inhabitants may detach, by ordinance, an area of the city within a fire protection district from the fire protection district. This process contains certain notice and hearing requirements.

If an ordinance is passed, the fire protection district shall no longer provide fire protection and ambulance services to the excluded area, and shall not levy any tax upon the property within the excluded area upon the effective date of the ordinance, except that such property shall be subject to taxation for the payment of any indebtedness of the fire protection district outstanding as of the ordinance's effective date.

The provisions of this bill shall not apply in any county in which a boundary commission has been established pursuant to Section 72.400, RSMo.

Currently, this only applies to the City of Greenwood.