

HB 949 -- COUNTY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SPONSOR: McGaugh

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 11 to 1.

This bill gives all noncharter counties the discretion to publish the annually-required county financial statement on a dedicated county website in lieu of publishing it in a newspaper.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will save money by making information more transparent by having it available on the counties' websites. The public wants this information and it should be easily accessible.

Testifying for the bill were Representative McGaugh and the Missouri Association of County Clerks and Election Authorities.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that this information should also still be published in newspapers, not just on-line.

Testifying on the bill was the Missouri Press Association.