

HB 1163 -- MO POST COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Wilson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 5 to 2.

This bill modifies the composition of the Missouri Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission. Currently, a voting public member is appointed by the Governor and is chosen from a list submitted to the Governor by the Director of Public Safety. This bill removes the requirement that the list be submitted by the director. The bill also changes how the chairperson of the commission is appointed, and the bill specifies that the commission shall provide advice and consent to the director concerning duties under Chapter 590, RSMo.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this legislation does not change any POST commission functions other than how certain POST commission members are selected. The process has worked in the past but this would improve it. This clarifies a process that has already been used. It would be better for interested organizations to submit names to the Governor rather than the Director of Public Safety.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Wilson; and the Missouri Police Chiefs Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.