

HCS HBs 647 & 841 -- WORKING ANIMALS (Pollitt (52))

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Rural Community Development

Currently, no more than four commissioners of the Missouri State Fair Commission can be of the same political party and must meet certain other qualifications. This bill repeals these requirements and also allows for up to three members from the Congressional district in which the fairgrounds are located.

The bill also specifies that no law, ordinance, or rule may be enacted by any village, town, city or county to terminate, ban, or effectively ban, by creating an undue financial hardship, the job of working animals or an animal enterprise. These provisions do not alter state or federal laws that regulate animal care, public health, and safety. The provisions of this bill do not prevent the establishment of or alter any village, town, city or county or law, ordinance, or rule regarding animal care, public health, traffic regulations, or public safety unless it is in violation of the provisions of the bill.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 1752 (2020).