

HCS HB 1157 -- LAGERS

SPONSOR: Pike

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Pensions by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 12 to 1.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1157.

Currently, political subdivisions located in third class counties and Cape Girardeau County may, by majority vote of the governing body, elect to cover certain employee classes as public safety personnel members in the Local Government Employees' Retirement System (LAGERS).

This bill adds political subdivisions located in counties of the second classification and any county of the first classification with more than 65,000 but fewer than 75,000 inhabitants and with a county seat with more than 15,000 but fewer than seventeen thousand inhabitants, allowing St. Francis County to also cover such employee classes.

This bill is the same as SB 255 (2021).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will allow other counties to be able to cover certain public safety personnel members under LAGERS allowing for retention of good employees.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Pike; Arnie Dienoff; Charles Anderson, Callaway County Ambulance District; Missouri Ambulance Association; and the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System .

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.