



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 646</b>		DATE: <b>3/29/2023</b>	
COMMITTEE: <b>Government Efficiency and Downsizing</b>			
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**I am in Support of this Bill. Members of the General Assembly shall be part of and involved in the Political Subdivisions of their prospective Districts. This is a good thing and to build communication.**



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This is a blatant overreach of state government over local control. Furthermore, this legislation defeats the purpose of downsizing government. I have not found any requirement for public comments at local public meetings, except for public hearings, in the State Statutes. Most municipalities put a public comments section on their agenda as a common courtesy for the citizens/residents that they represent. However, there have been a few instances that certain residents continuously abuse the public comments section, in local Board meetings, by grandstanding or creating unnecessary drama.



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Local governing bodies, boards and commissions meetings' are open to the public and legislators. Public comment periods are provided and legislators can communicate with local members in non meeting settings. There does not appear to be any legitimate reasons for legislators to be ex-official members..