

HCS HB 2568 -- HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Mayhew

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Transportation Accountability by a vote of 7 to 5. Motion to "Do Pass" failed by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative Oversight by a vote of 3 to 7.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2568.

This bill changes the way in which members of the State Highways and Transportation Commission are selected.

Beginning December 1, 2026, the number of members of the Commission may be changed, but there cannot be more than one member from each Congressional district at the same time.

If congressional reapportionment results in the loss of a district, the most senior member of the Commission will serve the remainder of the member's term, and then that seat will no longer exist. If congressional reapportionment increases the number of districts, the number of members on the Commission will be increased by law to match the number of districts.

Members of the Commission will be appointed by the Governor, with not more than half of the members of the same political party.

No member can be appointed to replace a member from the same Congressional district, except to fill an unexpired term. No member can be appointed from a Congressional district until each district has been represented by a member at least once. Upon the expiration of a member's term, a member appointed by the Governor to begin a new term shall reside in a Congressional district that is different from the congressional districts in which the other members reside and is different from the Congressional district in which the member previously filling the office resided.

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

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this would help with the process of filling the board.

Testifying in person for the bill was Representative Mayhew.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that not more than one commissioner should be from a congressional district.

Testifying in person on the bill was Missourians For Transportation Investment.

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