

HB 47 -- SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: McGirl

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 16 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative by a vote of 9 to 0.

Currently, certain special road districts are restricted to expend not more than one-fourth the district's revenue within the corporate limits of any city within the district.

This bill removes the restriction, but authorizes the Special Road District Board to limit an expenditure to the percentage equal to the road mileage within a city within the special road district divided by the total road miles of the special road district.

This bill is the same as HB 2570 (2024).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that, when this particular road district was created, the municipality occupied a small area of land inside of this road district. This restriction was designed to allow the municipality to fund its own roads separately from the road district. As that municipality grew over time, it eventually annexed the entirety of the road district. Because of this statute funds exist and are being collected but the district is not permitted to spend 75% of its funds.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative McGirl; Missouri Municipal League; Arnie C. Dienoff.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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.