

HCS HB 73 -- RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN BOARDS

SPONSOR: Taylor (048)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Rural Issues by a vote of 12 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 73.

This bill authorizes the mayor of any city of the fourth classification with fewer than 3,000 inhabitants to, if authorized, appoint a member of a nonelected board or commission, and if members of the board or commission are required to be residents of the city, satisfy the residency requirement if the person appointed owns real property or a business in the city.

This bill authorizes the mayor of any city of the fourth classification with fewer than 3,000 inhabitants to, if authorized to appoint a member of a nonelected board that manages a municipal utility, and if members of the board are required to be residents of the city, satisfy the residency requirement if the:

- (1) Board cannot set utility rates or issue bonds;
- (2) Appointee resides within five miles of the city limits;
- (3) Appointee owns real property or a business in the city;
- (4) Appointee is a customer of the utility managed by the board;
and
- (5) Appointee has no pecuniary interest in any utility.

This bill is similar to HB 2286 (2024).

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 often it is hard to get city residents to serve on these boards and with vacancies it is hard to get a quorum to conduct business. This bill would allow for people who have a vested interest but do not live in the city to serve on the boards.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Taylor; Missouri Municipal League; and Missouri Associated Of Municipal Utilities.

OPPONENTS: 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.