

HB 148 -- SEWER DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Hovis

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 14 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative by a vote of 10 to 0.

Currently, the trustees of a five member board of a common sewer district may be paid a reasonable compensation for their services, if approved by a resolution of the board of trustees. The trustees of a 10 member board of trustees of a common sewer district and the trustees of a reorganized common sewer district cannot receive any compensation for their services.

This bill allows the trustees of both common and reorganized common sewer districts to be paid up to \$100 per meeting, but not for more than two meetings per calendar month, by the district for their service. Members of a five member board of a common sewer district may also receive compensation for their services outside their duties as trustee.

The bill exempts the Little Blue Valley Sewer District from the new compensation provisions.

This bill is the same as HB 697 (2023) and HB 2476 (2024).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill would give members of reorganized sewer districts the same compensation as other sewer districts. It is sometimes difficult to find people willing to join these boards and compensation could provide a small incentive for this.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Hovis; Missouri Association of Sewer Districts; Little Blue Valley Sewer District; and Missouri Rural Water Association.

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.