

HB 1405 -- CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES

SPONSOR: Self

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

Currently, the make-up for a city-county library board consists of nine members with the mayor appointing four of those members if the population of the county is greater than the population of the city.

This bill would modify the board make-up for the city-county library board for St. Charles. For appointments after January 1, 2026, the four city member appointments will be split between the mayors of the four most populous cities within the county based on the decennial census.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this is supported by the St. Charles City-County Library District. Giving the mayors of other large cities in the county the ability to appoint members to the board will make the board more broadly representative and increase public confidence in the district.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Self; Missouri Library Association; Arnie C. Dienoff; John Greifzu, St. Charles City-County Library District; and St. Charles County.

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.