

HCS HB 1413 -- TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES ON THE STATE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION

SPONSOR: Kelley

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing  
Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 20 to  
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The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB  
1413.

This bill modifies the appointment of teacher representatives to  
the State Board of Education by providing that, for the second and  
succeeding appointments, the teacher representative must not be  
appointed from the same congressional district as the two  
immediately preceding teacher representatives, rather than  
requiring all appointments to be made in rotation from each  
congressional district.

The bill repeals a requirement that, if a vacancy occurs during an  
unexpired term, the Governor appoint a replacement from the same  
congressional district as the teacher representative being  
replaced, as well as repealing a provision requiring the Governor  
to make a temporary appointment if the General Assembly is not in  
session.

Finally, the bill removes the expiration date of these provisions.

This bill is similar to SB 737 (2025).

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 having a teacher on the board as a  
voice is useful. The original rotation idea created a situation  
where there would be two redistricts before a district would be  
represented again which could create confusion.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Kelley;  
Missouri National Education Association; and Missouri State  
Teachers 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.