

HB 3479 -- EMPLOYMENT WITH THE KANSAS CITY POLICE FORCE

SPONSOR: Hovis

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Pensions by a vote of 12 to 0.

Currently, law enforcement officers must be separated from services on the last day of the month in which the person becomes 65 years old or reaches 35 years of service, whichever occurs later. This bill changes it to whichever occurs first.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this is a very simple fix to correct a concern that someone might have to work into their eighties. The cap out on the maximum pension is for 35 years of service, so any individual working longer than that would not be benefiting themselves.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Hovis; Kansas City Police Employees Retirement System.

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.