



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
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REPRESENTING: <b>LEWIS CT COMMISSIONER</b>		TITLE:	
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CITY: <b>CANTON</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63435</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>RALPH MARTIN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am the Executive Director of the Lewis County IDA. We are governed by a 10 member board who have been appointed by the Lewis County Presiding Commissioner with consent action by the Associate Commissioners. We have a wide area of representation from all geographic points in Lewis County. Our Board is made up of men, women, farmers, business owners, bankers, lawyers etc.... We unfortunately had an old Director and area Senator who didn't see eye to eye politically and created this hardship. We are just trying to get it back to the same rules the rest of the State uses to seat their Board Members. I would be there in person if I hadn't woke up with a fever and cough this morning.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ABIGAIL HERNDON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The board of directors should be elected by the people like it has been. This decisions made directors affect the public so the public should be allowed to have a voice, by voting for someone.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C. AC "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-440-9000</b>	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>SARAH BERRY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**HB 3028 modifies governance structures for industrial development corporations (IDCs), raising concerns regarding targeted applicability, shifting appointment authority, and reduced local accountability.**

**The bill introduces highly specific population parameters to apply a separate governance model to a narrowly defined county. This type of drafting—using tight population brackets—effectively creates a single-county carveout rather than a uniform statewide policy, raising concerns about special legislation embedded within general law.**

**Under the bill, a temporary shift occurs from appointed directors to township-elected directors, followed by a reversion back to appointed positions once existing terms expire.**

**This creates a hybrid and transitional governance structure that lacks consistency and may generate confusion regarding authority, continuity, and accountability during the transition period.**

**The structure also raises concerns about representational imbalance. While township-based elections may appear to increase local input, the eventual reversion to appointments consolidates control back to county leadership.**

**This oscillation between election and appointment does not establish a stable or clearly accountable governance model.**

**Additionally, industrial development corporations play a significant role in economic incentives, financing, and public-private development arrangements. Altering board composition—especially through narrowly tailored provisions—can materially affect decision-making power over public resources, tax incentives, and development priorities without broader statewide standards or safeguards.**

**The bill does not introduce additional transparency, ethics requirements, or oversight mechanisms to accompany these governance changes. As a result, it adjusts who holds power without strengthening how that power is monitored or constrained.**

**Bottom line:**

**HB 3028 is a narrowly targeted governance adjustment that introduces inconsistency, lacks uniform standards, and shifts control structures without adding meaningful accountability protections.**

**The General Assembly is hereby placed on notice that this proposal raises concerns regarding special legislation through population targeting, unstable governance transitions, and the absence of enhanced oversight for entities exercising significant economic authority.**