

HCS HB 70 -- COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSIONS

SPONSOR: Gatschenberger (Phillips)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 14 to 0.

This substitute changes the compensation for members of the county highway commission who are not also members of the county's governing body from \$15 per day for the first meeting of each month and \$5 for each additional meeting during the month to an amount per meeting not to exceed \$100 as established by the county's governing body. The mileage allowance for those members is also changed from eight cents per mile actually and necessarily traveled in the performance of their duties to the same amount per mile received by the members of the county's governing body. A member of the commission who is also a member of the county's governing body will not receive any compensation or mileage allowance for his or her service to the commission.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the current amount of compensation authorized for county highway commissioners is too low and dates back to the 1950s. The bill allows the compensation to be a local control issue.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Phillips; and Stanley Potter, Stone County Highway Commission.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.