

HCS HB 174 -- HIGHER EDUCATION GOVERNING BOARDS

SPONSOR: Thomson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 12 to 0.

Currently, the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, the University of Missouri Board of Curators, and the Missouri State University Board of Governors have nine voting members, with no more than one person appointed from the same Congressional district. This substitute requires at least one voting member, but no more than two, to be appointed from each Congressional district.

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

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the requirements for the distribution of seats on governing boards must be revised because of the loss of one Congressional seat in the 2010 census.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Thomson; and Missouri State University.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that this is the opportunity to include a voting student curator. As it currently stands, the bill could lead to uneven representation.

Testifying against the bill was Associated Students of the University of Missouri.