

HCS HB 1757 -- COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (Hansen)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention

Currently, only Kansas City may file a petition to initiate the process to establish a community improvement district in Clay County. This bill allows any municipality to file a petition to initiate the process to establish a district in any county as long as the chief elected officer of the municipality signs the petition. An authorized representative of a municipality may sign the petition to start the community improvement district creation process, and the clerk of the governing body seeking to initiate a tax within a community improvement district shall record the boundaries of the district with the recorder of deeds for the county in which any portion of the district is located.

If a majority of the qualified voters voting on the proposition vote in favor of the proposition, then the district will be created and the tax may be imposed by the district's board of directors without further approval of the qualified voters of the district. If the majority of the qualified voters reject the proposition, then the governing body of the municipality may not resubmit the question to qualified voters of the district for at least one year. Qualified voters are those voters who reside within the district.

Once created, the State Auditor may audit a district just like any state agency. The records of the board of the community improvement district shall also be retained by the municipality that created the district and be made available to the public.

This bill is similar to HB 186 (2015).