

HCS HB 795 -- LOCAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

SPONSOR: Richard (Flook)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on Job Creation and Economic Development by a vote of 11 to 0.

Currently, only St. Charles County and its municipalities are allowed to form a theater, cultural arts, and entertainment district. This substitute allows the governing body of any county or city that has adopted transect-based zoning under Chapter 89, RSMo, and the counties of Franklin, Clay, Jackson, Boone, or Jasper and their municipalities to form a district.

The substitute also:

- (1) Allows the district to fund infrastructure projects;
- (2) Reduces the number of contiguous acres the district must include from 50 to 25;
- (3) Requires, instead of allows, the governing body of the city or county in which a district is proposed to pass a resolution describing the district when a petition for its creation is filed;
- (4) Defines the term "transect-based zoning";
- (5) Allows the cities of Augusta, Carrollton, Chillicothe, Liberty, Miami, Missouri City, and Pleasant Hill to impose a transient guest tax of up to 5%; and
- (6) Repeals the duplicate of Section 67.2505.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Income on General Revenue Fund of \$0 to Unknown in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill allows for the creation of a theater, cultural arts, and entertainment district in more cities and counties and also provides a more flexible kind of zoning, without taking any power away from local governments. This will allow economic development activities to occur more quickly than they would with traditional zoning.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Flook; Brad Goss, Whittaker Builders, Incorporated; and Alicia Stephens, Partnership for Community Growth and Development.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.