

HB 1163 -- Consolidation of Political Subdivisions

Sponsor: Schaaf

This bill authorizes the governing bodies of the City of St. Joseph and Buchanan County, upon voter approval, to agree to establish a commission to study the consolidation of the two governments. The commission will be established by gubernatorial appointment, and the powers and duties of the commission are specified including its investigative powers, preparation of a preliminary and final plan, required provisions of the plan, and preliminary and final plan deadlines. If the General Assembly does not reject the final plan, it must be approved in a countywide election. The bill also provides for the implementation of the final plan after voter approval.