

SCS SB 873 -- UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI STUDENT CURATORS

SPONSOR: Graham (Pratt)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 4 to 3.

Currently, the University of Missouri Board of Curators has nine voting members, one from each Congressional district and an additional nonvoting student curator. If Missouri loses a Congressional district following the 2010 redistricting, the substitute specifies that the ninth curator position will be filled by a full-time student with voting power on all matters except faculty or staff personnel decisions. The student curator will replace the current nonvoting student curator as of January 2011 but will serve a two-year term and be appointed through the same process as the nonvoting student curator.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that if Missouri loses a Congressional seat, an opportunity will exist to convert one voting curator position to a student. About 25% of the nation's public colleges have a voting student representative.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Graham; Tony Luetkemeyer; and Associated Students of the University of Missouri.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.