

SB 255 -- UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI BOARD OF CURATORS

SPONSOR: Pearce (Kingery)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 9 to 1.

Currently, the nine-member University of Missouri Board of Curators cannot have more than one member from any one Congressional district. This bill requires that at least one but no more than two curators will be appointed from each district.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill addresses the likelihood that Missouri will lose a Congressional district in 2010. Currently, the number of curators matches the number of Congressional districts. The board supports this method of solving the problem.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kingery for Senator Pearce; and University of Missouri.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that students, as the largest financial contributors, deserve a seat on the board. Without specifically requiring a voting student curator, students will likely go unrepresented.

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