HB 1630 -- MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Franz

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Transportation Funding and Public Institutions by a vote of 6 to 0.

This bill specifies that only one person can be appointed to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission from the same Congressional district and that an appointee must be a citizen of the United States. In the event a member of the commission is found, by a unanimous vote of the other commissioners, to have moved out of the district from which he or she was appointed, his or her office will be forfeited and considered vacant. A commissioner may complete his or her term if the composition or configuration of his or her Congressional district changes during his or her term.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that there is not enough representation from the rural areas of the state on the commission. The bill ensures equal representation of the entire state.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Franz.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.