

HCS SB 614 -- COURT COSTS

SPONSOR: Dixon (Cox)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill changes the laws regarding judicial procedures.

COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURTS (Section 67.320)

Repeals and reenacts Section 67.320, RSMo, regarding the municipal court plan in the counties of Jefferson and Franklin updating the provisions regarding Jefferson County using the current population numbers.

JUDICIAL PERSONNEL (Sections 476.445, 477.081, 477.082, 477.152, 477.160, 477.170, 477.180, 477.181, 477.190, 477.191, 478.430, and 478.433)

Currently, no new Supreme Court or Court of Appeals Commissioners have been appointed since 1972, as designated by statute. This bill repeals sections of law referencing the commissioners of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. Sections of law referencing the appointment of a janitor-messenger in the circuit court of the City of St. Louis have also been repealed. The bill modifies the number of judges to serve in each district of the Court of Appeals, in order to reflect the current total number authorized by statute.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill cleans up some language with regards to court commissioners.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Dixon.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.