

HB 102 with HCA 1 -- HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Redmon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 11 to 1.

Beginning January 1, 2016, this bill increases the membership of the Highways and Transportation Commission from six to eight commission members. No more than four commissioners can be a member of the same political party, with one commissioner appointed from each of the state's seven Department of Transportation geographic districts and one commissioner appointed regardless of where he or she resides.

Any member reappointed will be eligible to serve as chair or vice-chair only during the final two years of the member's reappointment. A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum.

HCA 1: Requires that any changes to the boundaries of the seven Department of Transportation geographic districts must have approval by the General Assembly

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will make the commission process more efficient.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Redmon and Estil Fretwell, Missouri Farm Bureau.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.