

HB 536 -- MID-AMERICA PORT COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Redmon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 12 to 0. Vote "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Governments by a vote of 10 to 0.

Currently, the county commissions of the counties included in the jurisdiction of the Mid-America Port Commission jointly elect two members to serve on the port commission. This bill repeals that provision and requires:

(1) The Governor to appoint one commissioner from among the members of the Lewis County Regional Port Authority Board of Commissioners, the Marion County Port Authority Board of Commissioners, and the Pike/Lincoln County Port Authority Board of Commissioners;

(2) The county commissions of Scotland, Knox, Shelby, Clark, Ralls, Monroe, Lewis, Pike, and Marion counties to jointly elect two members to serve on the port commission. The commissioners must be appointed from among the members of the Lewis County Regional Port Authority Board of Commissioners, the Marion County Port Authority Board of Commissioners, and the Pike/Lincoln County Port Authority Board of Commissioners; and

(3) Each commissioner of the Mid-America Port Commission to be a resident of a county included in the jurisdiction of the Mid-American Port Commission. If a commissioner ceases to be a resident, there must be a vacancy in the position of commissioner that must be filled within 90 days.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill increases representation among the north-east Missouri counties on the port commission.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Redmon.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.