

HB 1127 -- ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

SPONSOR: Johnson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues in Education by a vote of 7 to 0. Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Select Committee on Rules by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill requires the St. Joseph School District School Board elections to be held annually at the same times and places as general municipal elections for all years where one or more terms expire. Upon expiration of any term after August 28, 2015, the term of office will be three years and until successors are duly elected and qualified instead of the current six years. Directors may be nominated by petition to be filed with the secretary of the board and signed by 100 registered voters of the school district instead of the currently required 750 registered voters.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill provides better oversight.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Johnson; Missouri State Teachers Association; and Missouri National Education Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that the number of required signatures is not in statute but believe that the 750 is too high and that the three-year terms will be better.

Testifying on the bill was School Administrators Coalition and Representative Conway (10).