

HJR 7 -- BINGO GAME MANAGEMENT

SPONSOR: Engler

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 8 to 2.

This bill proposes a constitutional amendment that would require any person participating in the management of any bingo game conducted by a service organization to be a member of the organization for six months.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will assist organizations in fundraising and that history has shown there is no risk of corruption or criminal influence in charity bingo games run by volunteers. Tax revenue should also increase.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Engler and Phil Hanson, Association of Charitable Games of Missouri.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.