

HB 1602 -- VACANCIES ON SCHOOL BOARDS

SPONSOR: Ruth

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Select Committee on Rules by a vote of 6 to 0.

This bill specifies that for counties without a county commission, in an instance where two or more vacancies exist on a school board, the vacancies must be filled by the county executive with the advice and consent of the county council.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill is a technical fix for language on how school board seats are filled during vacancies. Current statute only talks about counties with a county commission, not charter forms of government.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Ruth.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.