

HCS HB 1684 -- MUNICIPAL CONSOLIDATION

SPONSOR: Fitzwater (49)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Governments by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill authorizes certain municipalities in counties of the first and second classification that are not adjoining or contiguous to each other to consolidate under the procedures established for municipalities that are adjoining and contiguous. The bill also authorizes municipalities in counties of the third classification that are separated by a distance of not more than one and one-half miles to consolidate.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that consolidation will save both municipalities a lot of money, especially regarding sewer systems.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Fitzwater and Brian Crane, City of Holts Summit.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.