

HB 568 -- PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Tate

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Consent and Procedure by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill adds four trustees to the board of a consolidated public library district when a county public library district successfully petitions to be included in the consolidated district. When a city, municipal, school, or other public library district that does not include an entire county and is outside the boundaries of a consolidated public library district successfully petitions to be included in the consolidated public library district, the county commission or county executive of each county in which the petitioning district is located must appoint one trustee.

This bill adds one trustee to the board of a consolidated public library district when a city or municipal library district is petitioning to be included in the consolidated district and the petitioning district is partially located in a county that is not participating in the consolidated district. The additional trustee must be appointed by the county commission or county executive officer of the county that is not participating in the consolidated district.

After admission of a petitioning district into a consolidated district, transfer of the title and interest in the property of the petitioning district, and appointment of the additional trustee, a petitioning district and its board of trustees will cease to exist.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this was an oversight when originally enacted and this makes representation more equal.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Tate and Missouri Library Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.