

HB 610 -- EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARDS

SPONSOR: Justus

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass Consent" by the Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill changes the composition of the board for the central dispatching of emergency services in certain counties by requiring that two of the seven members be residents of the county not affiliated with any of the entities from which the other five board members are selected. The non-affiliated members will be known as public members.

Currently, this only applies to Taney County.

This bill is similar to HB 2102 (2016).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that it is important for the general public to have representation on the board.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Justus.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.