

HCS HB 921 -- PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS

SPONSOR: Pfautsch

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill provides that public administrators are no longer required to take into their custody the persons of all minors under the age of 14 whose parents are dead and who do not have legal guardians or conservators, and the estates of persons when moneys are delivered to the public administrator from the county coroner.

The bill also repeals a provision providing that public administrators will be the ex officio public conservator and have charge of the estates of minors.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that it is in the best interests of minors to let the Department of Social Services handle these cases.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Pfautsch; Karen Digh Allen, Callaway County Public Administrator; and Cher Caudel, Missouri Association of Public Administrators.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.