

HB 1442 -- COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY

SPONSOR: Alferman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass- Not Consent" by the Consent and House Procedure Committee by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill sets a 60-day time limit for the Governor to fill a vacancy in the Office of County Commissioner with the advice and consent of the Senate. The vacancies filled by appointment will be held by the appointee for the remainder of the term. The bill does not apply to any county that has adopted a charter for its own government under Article VI, Section 18 of the Missouri Constitution.

This bill is the same as HB 234 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill would ensure that vacancies are filled in a timely manner. It would not affect counties that already have a mechanism in place for filling vacancies.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Alferman.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.