

HB 1484 --BINGO

SPONSOR: Brown (57)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 10 to 3. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules-Legislative Oversight Committee by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill allows persons who have, for a least six months, been a bona fide member of an organization licensed to conduct bingo to participate in the operation of a bingo game. The Constitution currently requires at least two years of membership prior to participation. This bill removes the statutory restrictions on the advertisement of bingo.

This bill will only become effective upon the passage of a constitutional amendment.

This bill is the same as HCS HB 348 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will allow newer, more active members of qualified organizations to participate in the operation of bingo games. There is no reason for the current two year membership requirement. Bingo games are a common fundraising source for charitable organizations and this would alleviate some of the pressure on older members.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Brown; and Missouri Press Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.