

HB 81 -- MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS

SPONSOR: Hill

This bill requires, within five years of the effective date of the bill, that any city with a population of 5000 or less inhabitants, with an area of less than two square miles, with a municipal police department, and located in St. Louis County, to disband its police department and to contract for law enforcement services with either the county police department, or, under certain restrictions, another city.

A city meeting the requirements above can contract with another city if:

- 1) The two cities share a border and the combined population of the two cities is at least 15,000 inhabitants; or
- 2) The pertinent city shares a border with another city that contracts with the same (third) city and the combined population of all the cities is at least 15,000 inhabitants.

A city that originally contracts with another city may discontinue that contract and then contract with the county police department, but it cannot discontinue a contract with one city and then contract with another city.

This bill is the same as HB 2427 (2018).