

SB 397 -- MUSEUM AND CULTURAL DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: White

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

Currently, a petition to create a museum and cultural district must be filed within five years after the Presidential declaration establishing a disaster area. This bill extends the filing time to within 15 years of the declaration.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the current statute requires a petition be filed within five years; after the tornado this wasn't our top priority, rebuilding the city was. Joplin is trying to get this project completed and a 15 year extension would be very helpful.

Testifying for the bill was Senator White.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.