

HB 1403 -- POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (Hudson)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Local Government

MUNICIPAL REGULATION OF HOME-BASED BUSINESSES

This bill prohibits municipalities from restricting the operation of a "home-based business" or otherwise requiring a person to apply for or obtain a permit, license, variance, or other prior approval to operate a home-based business. The bill establishes a list of factors that qualify a residential property for use as a home-based business.

Municipalities can establish reasonable regulations on a home-based business if the regulations are narrowly tailored for specified purposes, including protecting public health and safety. A municipality that enacts a regulation bears the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that the regulation complies with this bill.

ALTERNATIVE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSIONS

Currently, a county that has adopted the alternative county highway commission under Sections 230.200 to 230.260, RSMo, may only abolish it by a vote of the people. This bill adds by a vote of the governing body as an additional method.

Currently, once abolished, or in counties that did not adopt the alternative county highway commission, the county shall retain the county highway commission under Sections 230.010 to 230.110. This bill allows the county to adopt the county highway commission or the county road overseers provided under Sections 231.010 to 231.130.