

HCS HB 104 -- CAMPAIGN FINANCE

SPONSOR: Bangert

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Elections and Elected Officials by a vote of 9 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 104.

This bill allows the use of electronic payment systems, such as credit and debit cards by specified committees provided that expenditures are paid through the official depository account.

Credit card statements and records which provide a written record of all transactions shall be maintained by the treasurer or person responsible for record keeping for the committee. Records are available for inspection by the Missouri ethics commission. Expenditure reports under Section 130.041 shall include the total of expenditures made by electronic methods.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will facilitate current practices and ensure prompt payment of staff or businesses in an efficient manner while maintaining record keeping requirements.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Bangert.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say it updates current practice and clarifies that the use of credit and debit cards is permissible. Record keeping requirements are maintained. The bill should be able to be implemented without a fiscal note.

Testifying on the bill were Jennifer Bratburd, Most Policy Initiative; and Elizabeth Ziegler, Missouri Ethics Commission.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.