

HB 158 -- PLANNING COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

SPONSOR: Hudson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill increases the meeting fee for members of a county planning commission from not more than \$25 per meeting to not more than \$75 per meeting.

The bill also establishes a meeting fee for members of a county board of zoning adjustment of not more than \$75 per meeting.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the increase is necessary to cover actual expenses, and is needed to provide an incentive for people to serve on these commissions and boards.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hudson; and Hank Smith, Stone County.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that true public service and giving back to the county does not involve compensation.

Testifying against the bill was Arnie Dienoff.

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.