

HJR 32 -- SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTIONS

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SPONSOR or CO-SPONSORS: Barry, Willoughby, Fraser, Bonner

Chairman (for HCS):

Handler: Barry

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" "do pass by consent"

by the Committee on Education-Elementary and Secondary by a vote of 15 to 7 present:

Use Introduced Summary Verbatim: yes

Modify above as follows:

New summary as follows:

Emergency Clause: or Effective Date of:

HCA(s) --

FISCAL NOTE: Attached: Not available:

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the current constitutional requirement for a 2/3 super-majority on bond votes dates unchanged from the 1875 Constitution until 1988, when the 4/7 requirement was added for issues voted upon on municipal election day and primary and general election days. Inability to pass a bond issue sometimes causes school districts to use lease-purchase arrangements, which results in a larger cost overall, or to postpone repairs until dangerous conditions occur. Super-majorities contradict the principle of "one person, one vote."

Testifying for the bill were Rep. Barry; Margi Cook and John Cary, Mehlville School District; Missouri National Education Association; Cooperating School Districts of Greater St. Louis; Missouri PTA; Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City; Missouri School Board Association; several organizations expressed their support in writing.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that

Testifying against the bill were No opposition to the bill was voiced to the committee.

Analyst: Becky