

HB 1562 -- COUNTY CLASSIFICATION BY ASSESSED VALUATION

SPONSOR: Kingery

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on General Laws by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill increases the assessed valuation thresholds for a county to move into a higher classification. The minimum assessed valuation threshold for counties of the first classification is increased from \$600 million to \$900 million and from \$450 million to \$750 million for counties of the second classification. All counties with an assessed valuation of less than \$750 million will be third classification counties.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2013.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that many counties prefer to remain in a smaller classification to avoid additional duties and expenses. Adjustments to county classification are common and typically done upon county request.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Kingery.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.