

SB 450 -- URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Rupp (Schneider)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 15 to 0.

A school district is classified as an urban district when it encompasses at least half of a city of 70,000 or more inhabitants. This bill specifies that any school district in St. Charles County that becomes an urban district as a result of the 2010 census will continue to have the same number of board members, hold elections on its current schedule, and retain its three-year term lengths.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that because O'Fallon has grown to be over 70,000 population, Ft. Zumwalt has become an urban school district. It is difficult to get candidates to commit to a six-year school board term.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Rupp; and Dr. Bernard DuBray, Superintendent, Ft. Zumwalt School District.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.