

HCS SJR 37 -- APPORTIONMENT COMMISSIONS

SPONSOR: Crowell (Schad)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on Judicial Reform by a vote of 10 to 3.

Upon voter approval, this proposed constructional amendment changes the laws regarding the House of Representatives and Senate reapportionment commissions and the judicial commission charged with reapportionment if the House and Senate commissions fail to produce a reapportionment map. Any member of a commission is banned from holding office in the General Assembly for six years following his or her appointment to the commission by the Governor instead of for four years following the date of the filing by the commission of its final statement of apportionment.

All meetings of any commission, including executive meetings, must be open to the public and the commissions must be considered a public governmental body for purposes of, and subject to, any general law concerning public meetings and public records.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund of an income of \$0 or a cost of More than \$7,000,000 in FY 2013, an income of \$0 in FY 2014, and an income of \$0 in FY 2015. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill enhances transparency in the redistricting process and prevents situations where members of a commission draw boundaries in such a manner as to benefit themselves if they would run for office in the future.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Crowell.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.