

HCS HB NOs 1110 & 383 -- STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TERM LIMITS

SPONSOR: Dohrman

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 12 to 1. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on Education by a vote of 9 to 0.

Currently, a member may serve on the State Board of Education (SBE) for an unlimited number of eight-year terms. This bill prohibits any member from serving a combination of terms exceeding 16 years. Any member appointed to serve out the remaining term of another member who has less than one year in his or her term must be eligible to serve an additional 16 years. A member who began serving a term before August 28, 2015, may serve out the remainder of that term.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this allows for more honesty on the SBE as members will not be as concerned about being reappointed and increase diversity of experiences as more people will have the opportunity to serve on the board.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Dohrman; Missouri State Teachers Association; Mary R. Byrne; and Anne Gassel.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.