

HB 1634 -- FOURTH CLASS CITIES

SPONSOR: Alferman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 7 to 2.

This bill specifies that in fourth class cities, the mayor must be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum in a meeting of the board of aldermen. If a quorum is present and one-half of the members elected or appointed to the board of aldermen vote in favor of the question, the vote must be deemed a tie. If the mayor votes in accordance with one-half of the members to break a tie, the resulting action must be deemed the action of a majority of the board of aldermen.

The bill also specifies that the mayor's exercise of general supervision over all the officers and affairs of the city must be subject to the direction of the board of aldermen.

This bill is the same as HB 1208 (2015).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will prevent strategic maneuvering to keep a vote from occurring rather than having a recorded vote.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Alferman.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.