

HB 1686 -- MUNICIPAL DISINCORPORATION

SPONSOR: Burns

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Governments by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill decreases the number of signatures required on a petition to disincorporate a city of the fourth class or a village in St. Louis County from 50% to 25% of voters, and decreases the voter approval percentage for disincorporation from 60% to 50% plus one voter.

The bill also establishes a disincorporation procedure for a city of the third class or a constitutional charter or home rule city in St. Louis County that is the same as the disincorporation procedure for a city of the fourth class or a village in St. Louis County.

This bill is the same as HB 741 (2015).

PROponents: Supporters say that this bill makes the disincorporation process a little easier.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Burns and the Missouri Council For A Better Economy dba Better Together.

OPponents: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.