

HB 228 -- ELECTED OFFICIAL AS A LOBBYIST

SPONSOR: Barnes

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Government Oversight and Accountability by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill prohibits any statewide elected official or member of the General Assembly from acting, serving, or registering as a lobbyist or soliciting clients to represent as a lobbyist until the expiration of one year from the person's vacancy from the office.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill sets a one year limitation on being a statewide elected official or member of the General Assembly and then becoming a lobbyist. This is the same standard currently used by Congress.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Barnes; Jeanette Mott Oxford, and Missouri Association For Social Welfare.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.