

HCS HB 530 -- EMERGENCY SERVICES

SPONSOR: Roden

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Local Government

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

Currently, in St. Louis County, when a fire protection district services an area annexed by a city with a municipal fire department, the fire protection district continues to provide fire protection and emergency medical services to the area, the city pays to the fire protection district an amount equal to that which the fire protection district would have levied in the annexed area, and the annexed area is not subject to taxation by the fire protection district except for bonded indebtedness incurred prior to the annexation. This bill specifies that for property within a fire protection district that is annexed by a city after the effective date of the bill, the fire protection district must continue to provide services to the annexed area, and the annexed property must continue to be subject to taxation by the fire protection district and not to the city for fire protection and emergency medical services. For property within a fire protection district that was annexed by a city prior to the effective date of the bill, the fire protection district must continue to provide services to the annexed area. The amount that the city must pay to the fire protection district must be incrementally decreased over five years, and the amount the annexed area must pay to the fire protection district must be incrementally increased over five years. The annexed area must not be subject to taxation by the city for fire protection and emergency medical services.

The bill prohibits an ambulance or fire protection district board member from being eligible for employment by the board upon which he or she served within 12 months of termination of service as a board member, except for employment on a volunteer basis or without compensation.

The bill sets the candidate filing fee for a fire protection district board seat at the amount equal to the filing fee for a candidate for county office, which currently is \$50.