

HB 1221 -- PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE AGENTS

SPONSOR: Franklin

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Governments by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill specifies that any county office or officer that has been designated by the United States Department of State as a passport acceptance agent to process applications for passports and passport renewals may keep and use the fees charged for the service for any lawful purpose within that office.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that some county offices would like to be able to process passports as a community service, especially in rural areas.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Franklin; Beverly Thomas, Camden County; Tom Wright, Miller County; Clifton Luber, Camden County Commission; Gregory W. Hasty, Camden County; and Donna Scheiter, Camden County Commission.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.