

HB 1294 -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

SPONSOR: Jones

This bill specifies that a law enforcement officer not subject to removal under Sections 43.150 or 57.275, RSMo, must be subject to removal from office or employment by the governing body of the political subdivision employing the officer if the governing body finds just cause, as defined in the bill, to remove him or her from duty under these provisions.

The bill requires the governing body to issue a written notice to the officer no less than 10 business days prior to the meeting where his or her removal will be considered. The officer must be given written notice with specified information including stating just cause for the officer's removal and must be given the opportunity to speak before the governing body, together with any witnesses, evidence, and counsel of his or her choosing.