

HCS HB 1632 -- POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (Alferman)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Emerging Issues

This bill sets a 31 day time limit for the Governor to fill a vacancy in the Office of County Commissioner with the advice and consent of the Senate. The vacancies filled by appointment will be held by the appointee until the next general election. The bill does not apply to any county that has adopted a charter for its own government under Article VI, Section 18 of the Missouri Constitution.

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.

Currently, both county commissions and county health center boards may make and establish orders, ordinances, rules or regulations under certain circumstances, but cannot conflict with any rules or regulations of the Department of Health and Senior Services or the Department of Social Services. This bill requires the county commission and the county health center board to be in concurrence when establishing health orders, ordinances, rules or regulations, except in the case of an emergency.

This bill specifies that a person does not commit the offense of peace disturbance by creating a loud noise or a noxious or offensive odor if the noise or odor comes from raising, maintaining, or keeping livestock, or from planting, caring, maintaining, or harvesting crops or hay.

This bill is similar to HB 1686, HB 1823, and HB 2368 (2016).