

HB 1914 -- PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Hinson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 11 to 0. Votes "Do Pass by Consent" by the Select Committee on Rules by vote of 6 to 0.

This bill adds one trustee to the board of trustees of a consolidated public library district when a city or municipal library district is petitioning to be included in the consolidated district and the petitioning district is partially located in a county that is not participating in the consolidated district. The additional trustee must be appointed by the county commissioners or county executive officers of the county that is not participating in the consolidated district.

After admission of the petitioning district into the consolidated district, transfer of the title and interest in the property of the petitioning district, and appointment of the additional trustee, the petitioning district and its board of trustees will cease to exist.

This bill is similar to HB 875 (2015).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that certain city or municipal library districts that are partially located in two counties currently are not authorized to join a consolidated public library district, and it is important that such a city or municipal library district be allowed to do so because of dwindling finances.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hinson; and the Missouri Library Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.