

HB 2383 with HCA 1 -- LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

SPONSOR: Hinson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Pensions by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill authorizes a political subdivision, by a majority vote of its governing body, to elect to cover jailers as policemen members and emergency medical service personnel as firemen members for purposes of coverage under the Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System.

Limitations in current law that provide that an employer's total contribution to the system must not exceed the total contributions for the preceding fiscal year by more than 1% must not apply to an increase resulting from an employer's election for the coverage under the provisions of the bill.

HCA #1: This amendment makes the bill language gender neutral.

This bill is similar to HB 643 (2015).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill authorizes political subdivisions to elect to cover additional employees for retirement benefits, including emergency police dispatchers, jailers, emergency fire dispatchers, and emergency medical service personnel.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hinson; Keith Hughes, Missouri LAGERS; Mark Haabas, Missouri State Council Of Firefighters; Saint Louis Police Officers Association; and Scott Roy, Ambulance District Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.