

HCS HB 804 -- COMMON SEWER DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Hovis

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 12 to 0. Vote "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 13 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 804.

Currently, the trustees of a common sewer district may be paid a reasonable compensation for their services, if approved by a resolution of the board of trustees; and the trustees of a 10-member board of trustees cannot receive any compensation. This bill allows the trustees to be paid up to \$100 per meeting, but not more than two meetings per calendar month, by the district for their service.

Currently, the trustees of a Reorganized Common Sewer District receive no compensation for their services. This bill allows the trustees to be paid up to \$100 per meeting, but not more than two meetings per calendar month, by the district for their service, plus the trustees will be reimbursed for their actual expenses.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that there needs to be some incentive to get people to serve on these boards.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hovis; Joe Tousignant, Cape Girardeau County Reorganized Common Sewer District; Jefferson County Public Sewer District; and Stephen A. Bubanovich.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that true and real community service and giving back to the community should be free of charge.

Testifying against the bill was Arnie C. Dienoff.

This bill is the same as HB 2549 (2020).

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.