

HB 1512 -- LIBRARY BOARD

SPONSOR: Murphy

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Government Efficiency and Downsizing by a vote of 9 to 2.

This bill prohibits Library Boards from overruling county planning commission plans.

The bill also prevents real property owned by a board governing a library from being used for any purpose that violates any zoning ordinance or regulation as specified in the bill.

This bill adds maintenance and repair of library facilities to the list of acceptable uses of the Missouri State Library Networking Fund.

This bill allows the board of trustees of a consolidated public library district to set their own fiscal years, rather than requiring the fiscal year to begin on July 1st and end on June 30th.

Currently, the circuit court in any circuit may collect a fee in civil cases not to exceed \$15, and that fee shall go toward maintenance and upkeep of the law library in the designated county. Jackson County and any circuit that reimburses the state for salaries of family court commissioners are allowed to charge a fee not to exceed \$20. The bill adds the Circuit Court in the City of St. Louis to the circuits that may charge a fee not to exceed \$20.

This bill is similar to HB 986 (2023).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that libraries should be subject to municipal zoning ordinances and county planning commission plans. The library boards should not be taking over the powers that belong to the county planning commission.

Testifying in person for the bill was Representative Murphy.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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