HB 685 -- CONVEYANCE IN HOWELL COUNTY

SPONSOR: Franz

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill authorizes the Board of Governors of Southwest Missouri State University to convey property located in Howell County in the City of West Plains.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the property is an old church which was donated to the West Plains campus of the Southwest Missouri State University in 1998. The structure is not ADA compliant and will have to be totally renovated to bring it into compliance. The university has determined that it would be more cost efficient to demolish the building, sell the property, and use the profits to build a new building elsewhere.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Franz; and Southwest Missouri State University-West Plains.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Bob Dominique, Legislative Analyst