

CCS#2 HCS SCS SB 233 -- DESIGNATION OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

This bill changes the laws regarding the designation of highways and bridges.

HIGHWAY DESIGNATIONS

The bill designates:

- (1) A portion of Interstate 44 in Greene County from State Route MM east to State Route 286 as the "Congressman Mel Hancock Freeway";
- (2) A portion of U. S. Highway 412 in Dunklin County from the eastern limits of the City of Kennett to the western limits of the City of Hayti in Pemiscot County as the "Governor John M. Dalton Memorial Highway";
- (3) A portion of State Highway 58 in Johnson County from the intersection of State Highway U west to State Highway 131 as the "Veterans Memorial Parkway";
- (4) A portion of State Highway 370 in St. Louis County as the "Officer Scott Armstrong Memorial Highway";
- (5) A portion of Interstate 44 in Phelps County from State Route V east to State Route 68 as the "Governor Mel Carnahan Memorial Highway";
- (6) A portion of U. S. Highway 61 from the intersection of State Route B south of the City of La Grange to the intersection of State Route B north of the City of Canton in Lewis County as the "Students of Missouri Assisting Rural Transportation (S.M.A.R.T.) Memorial Highway"; and
- (7) A portion of State Highway 30 in St. Louis County from the intersection of Highway P northeast to the St. Louis city limits as the "Chief Jerry Buehne Memorial Road."

BRIDGE DESIGNATIONS

The bill designates:

- (1) The bridge on State Highway 13 over the Missouri River between Lafayette and Ray counties as "The Congressman Ike Skelton Bridge"; and
- (2) The new bridge that will be built on State Highway 19 at Hermann as the "Senator Christopher S. Bond Bridge."

DESIGNATION PROCEDURES FOR HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

The bill establishes an application process for the designation of memorial highways and bridges. A designation will be allowed only to honor an event, place, organization, or a person who has been deceased for more than two years, except law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

To seek a designation, an organization must petition the Department of Transportation by submitting:

- (1) An application describing the proposed highway or bridge and the name of at least one member of the General Assembly who will sponsor the designation;
- (2) A list of at least 100 names supporting the designation;
- (3) A \$400 deposit per sign for construction costs; and
- (4) A \$600 deposit per sign for maintenance.

All moneys received by the department will be deposited into a newly created Department of Transportation Memorial Highway Sign Fund. The bill specifies the procedure for the disbursement of these funds and the transfer of any unexpended moneys at the end of the biennium.

All applications submitted to the department will be forwarded for approval to the House and Senate committees on transportation. If the designation is not approved, 97% of the application fee will be refunded.

The provisions of the bill will apply to a highway or bridge designation requested after August 28, 2005.