

HB 1857 -- COMMENCEMENT OF PROSECUTION

SPONSOR: Lipke

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill specifies that a prosecution is commenced for a misdemeanor or infraction when the information is filed. A prosecution for a felony is commenced when the complaint is filed.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that in current law there are statute of limitations problems for prosecutors filing felony charges. The bill corrects those problems.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lipke; and Eric Zahnd and Bob McCulloch, Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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