

HB 1885 -- MISSOURI REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Behnen

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill changes the laws regarding the Missouri Real Estate Appraisers Commission and real estate appraisers. The bill:

- (1) Repeals the requirement that members of the commission be members in good standing of a nationally recognized real estate appraisal organization;
- (2) Repeals the provision regarding the term of office of initial members of the commission;
- (3) Repeals the provision authorizing the commission to decide the location of future quarterly meetings;
- (4) Increases the daily per diem of commission members from \$50 to \$70;
- (5) Authorizes the commission to administer oaths and issue and enforce subpoenas;
- (6) Repeals the provision authorizing the commission to waive continuing education requirements for retired or disabled appraisers;
- (7) Allows persons to renew expired licenses within a one-year period if evidence of the completion of all continuing education requirements is provided; and
- (8) Authorizes the commission to issue inactive licenses.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009. Estimated Cost on Other State Funds of \$0 in FY 2007, \$15,000 in FY 2008, and \$0 in FY 2009.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that along with some clean up language, the bill is necessary to stay in compliance with federal law.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Behnen; and Missouri Appraisers Advisory Council.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that Missouri was

found to be in non-compliance with federal law in October 2004. The statutes need to be revised in order for Missouri appraisers to participate in federally related transactions.

Others testifying on the bill was Missouri Real Estate Appraisers Commission.

Bob Dominique, Legislative Analyst