

HB 312 -- COUNTY OFFICIAL SALARIES

SPONSOR: Wallace

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on Government Affairs by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill requires a vote of two-thirds or more of all the members of the county salary commission to decrease the salary of any county official. All county officials will receive the same percentage decrease.

The lowering of county official salaries below the level being paid on August 28, 2005, is retroactively prohibited, and any action or vote doing so is voided.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill prevents county salary commissioners from singling out certain employees for salary cuts. The bill clarifies the current statute and prevents salary commissioners from using the statute to justify the reduction of salaries of individuals who are members of rival political parties.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Wallace; and Missouri County Collectors Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.