

HB 1122 -- Reorganized Common Sewer Districts

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This bill establishes notice and procedural requirements for the formation of a new reorganized common sewer district and the conversion of an existing common sewer district into a reorganized common sewer district. Once established, a reorganized common sewer district will have all the powers and authority of a common sewer district established pursuant to Chapters 204 or 249, RSMo.

For new districts, incorporation must be approved by two-thirds of the voters in the district unless the petitioners seeking formation specify that the organization is without the authority to issue general obligation bonds. In that case, incorporation must only be approved by a simple majority of the voters in the district. Property owners with land contiguous or reasonably close to a reorganized district may petition the reorganized district board to become part of the reorganized district.

To convert an existing common sewer district into a reorganized common sewer district, a petition must first be filed with the governing body of the district for a determination that the reorganization is in the best interest of the district. The bonded indebtedness and security interests of creditors of any common sewer district which converts to a reorganized common sewer district cannot be affected by the conversion. Reorganized sewer districts cannot levy taxes or issue general obligation bonds unless authorized by voters. Reorganized sewer districts may also establish sanitary sewer improvement areas and impose assessments and user fees on the property benefitted by the improvement project.

The bill contains an emergency clause.