HCS SB 237 -- ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF CODE VIOLATIONS IN KANSAS CITY

SPONSOR: Shields (Curls)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 12 to 0.

This substitute allows the City of Kansas City to establish an administrative system for adjudicating parking and other civil, nonmoving municipal code violations. Currently, only the City of St. Louis is allowed to establish a system.

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

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will allow for the easier and smoother disposition of code violations in Kansas City as St. Louis has experienced under its administrative adjudication system. Easier enforcement of code violations will be a tremendous benefit to neighborhood associations.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Pratt for Senator Shields; City of Kansas City; Linda K. Jones, Kansas City Church Community Organization and St. Luke's United Methodist Church; and Betsy Blake.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.