

HCS SB 416 -- ADVERSE POSSESSION OF CERTAIN LANDS

SPONSOR: Goodman (Pratt)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on Utilities by a vote of 10 to 0.

This substitute prohibits the use of adverse possession to acquire lands belonging to rural electric cooperatives and nonprofit corporations which provide electrical service under Section 394.200, RSMo.

If all parties to a boundary dispute over water service areas agree to settle, the requirement that the Missouri Public Service Commission hold hearings regarding the dispute is waived. The commission retains power to hold hearings regarding territorial disputes under Sections 247.172 and 394.321.

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

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill extends the same protection to nonprofit corporations and rural electric cooperatives that public utilities currently have.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Goodman.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.