

SB 671 -- REGIONAL INVESTMENT DISTRICT COMPACT

SPONSOR: Justus (Pratt)

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

Currently, the legislatures of both Kansas and Missouri must enter into the Kansas and Missouri Regional Investment District Compact for it to be effective and binding on both states. If the State of Kansas has not authorized the compact by July 1, 2007, any Missouri county in the district will have all the powers and duties necessary to operate the district.

This bill specifies that if the State of Kansas has not enacted the compact by August 28, 2007, the district will be established and will have all the necessary powers and duties needed to operate. However, the district's name will be the Missouri Regional Investment District and will consist of only the Missouri counties of Buchanan, Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray.

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill simply contains technical corrections and clean-up language for the Regional Investment District Compact law enacted in 2006.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Justus; Kansas City Area Transportation Authority; and Mid-America Regional Council.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.