

HCS SB 263 -- STATE COMMISSIONS

SPONSOR: Mayer (Wright)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Public Safety by a vote of 11 to 0.

This substitute renames the Second State Capitol Commission the Missouri State Capitol Commission and requires it to evaluate and approve capitol studies and improvement, expansion, renovation, and restoration projects to be paid for with funds appropriated from the Second Capitol Commission Fund which is renamed the State Capitol Commission Fund and initiate planning efforts, subject to appropriations, for a centennial celebration of the laying of the capstone of the state capitol building. Members of the commission representing the General Assembly must be appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The substitute removes the requirement that one member, but specifies that no more than two, of the Seismic Safety Commission within the Department of Public Safety be appointed from each of the specified professional areas and adds public education to the list of professional areas from which members may be appointed. A quorum will consist of a majority of the appointed members, but not less than seven, and may be met by electronic attendance and the nonvoting participation of the staff of the legislative members of the commission. Currently, a quorum consists of nine members.

The term "volunteer" as it relates to the dispensing of medication during a Governor-declared state of emergency is expanded to include employees of the state or a political subdivision.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the change in the number of members required for a quorum of the Seismic Safety Commission is needed to conduct the commission's business.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Mayer.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.