SS HCS HB 1806 -- COUNTY CLASSIFICATIONS AND ANNEXATIONS BY
CERTAIN CITIES

This bill increases the assessed valuation thresholds when
establishing a county's classification. The minimum assessed
valuation threshold for counties of the first classification is
increased from $600 million to $900 million and from $450 million
to $600 million for counties of the second classification. All
counties with an assessed valuation of less than $600 million
will be third classification counties.

The governing body of any county of the second classification
which on August 28, 2010, has had an assessed valuation of at
least $600 million for at least one year may, by resolution of
the county governing body, elect to become a county of the first
classification after it has maintained that valuation for the
period of time required under Section 48.030, RSMo. Currently,
this applies only to the counties of Christian, Lincoln, Newton,
and St. Francois.

The required assessed valuation for each county classification
will be increased annually by an amount equal to the percentage
change in the annual average of the federal Consumer Price Index
or zero, whichever is greater. The State Tax Commission must
calculate and publish the amount so that it is available to all
counties. Any change in county classification will become
effective as provided in Section 48.030.

The bill allows the governing body of a municipality to annex a
parcel of land within a research, development, or office park
project located in an unincorporated area of the county if the
parcel is compact and contiguous to the existing boundaries of
the municipality and the municipality obtains the written consent
of all property owners within the unincorporated area of the
parcel.

The City of Byrnes Mill is prohibited from annexing any property
adjacent to the city if there are no registered voters residing
on the property unless the city has obtained the written consent
of all property owners within the adjacent property.

The bill contains an emergency clause.