

CCS HCS SB 111 -- POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

This bill modifies provisions relating to political subdivisions. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Extends a timeline for decreases in county budgets to July 1, 2027. The bill requires specified political subdivisions to issue debt in a competitive process unless a municipal advisor is employed or the bonds are specified general obligation bonds, issued in an amount less than \$12.5 million, or involve prior indebtedness. Municipal advisors are defined and conflict of interest rules established. The State Treasurer is instructed to provide information on bidding to the political subdivisions (Section 108.170, RSMo);

(2) Repeals the current ban on running for public office with a federal misdemeanor, but retains a ban based on federal or state felony convictions (Section 115.306);

(3) Allows port authorities to establish an advanced industrial manufacturing zone on their property and to expand such zones by resolution (Section 135.963);

(4) Requires limited liability companies or cities to file affidavits free of charge that show management and control of Kansas City rental properties if they fall under Section 347.048 (Section 347.048);

(5) Requires that candidates for the office of public administrator provide to the election authority a copy of a signed affidavit from one surety company indicating that the candidate meets the bonding requirements. (Section 473.730);

(6) Repeals provisions requiring public administrators to automatically supervise the estates of minors and makes them subject to court appointment. Guardians are allowed to enter into preneed funeral contracts for minors without being personally liable for costs and without any interference with the existing right to dispose of bodies granted to next-of-kin (Section 473.730, 473.743, 475.120, and 473.747); and

(7) Enables a guardian to execute a preneed contract for a ward's funeral services, or an irrevocable life insurance policy to pay for the ward's funeral services, and authorize the payment of such services from the ward's resources. The bill does not interfere with the rights of next-of-kin to direct the disposition of the body of the ward upon death. If such a preneed arrangement is in place and no next-of-kin exercises the right of sepulcher within seven days of the death of the ward, the guardian may sign consents

for the disposition of the body without liability thereafter
(Section 475.120).