

CCS HCS SB 283 -- LOCAL COMMISSIONS

This bill changes laws involving political subdivisions. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Allows port authorities to establish advanced industrial manufacturing zones based on average county wages and to expand or contract such zones by resolution (Section 68.075, RSMo);
- (2) Prohibits combined tax rates over 2% for tax measures submitted under the section (Section 94.510);
- (3) Allows owners of land in addition to residents to petition the county commission to submit tax rates for roads and bridges (Section 137.565);
- (4) Modifies the initial terms of directors elected to the Kansas City Public Schools school board in 2019, such that the terms of office of directors are staggered. One at-large director and the directors of subdistricts one, three, and five shall be elected to an initial two-year term. The other at-large director and the directors of subdistricts two and four will be elected to a four-year term. In subsequent elections, all directors will be elected to four-year terms (Section 162.492);
- (5) Imposes penalties and liens to enforce penalties for blocking or damaging specified roads or drainage ditches and not acting to remove obstacles or repair damage upon notice (Section 229.150);
- (6) Changes special road district commissioner election practices and allows appointments by the county commission if vacancies persist for over two consecutive elections in three year districts (Section 233.180); and
- (7) Exempts commercial motor vehicles which are following approved, municipally designated traffic routes through a municipality from any type of nuisance requirement. The bill only creates an exception for nuisance claims and damages and does not regulate other types of civil or criminal claims (Section 304.120).