

HCS SCS SB 421 -- STATE PROPERTY

SPONSOR: Rizzo (Kidd)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions by a vote of 7 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 11 to 0.

GUBERNATORIAL CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZATION

Currently, the Governor is not required to obtain legislative authorization for the conveyance or transfer of certain properties to certain entities, including easements for rural electric cooperatives, municipal corporations, and public utilities. This bill adds granting easements to political subdivisions or conveyances to rural electric cooperatives, railroads, to accommodate utility service provided to state property or facilities, to accommodate ingress and egress on state properties, or to facilitate the use of common elements of condominium property if the state is a unit owner. The easement shall be used for purposes as specified in the bill (Section 37.005, RSMo). This provision is similar to HCS SB 488, HB 538, HB 567, and SB 148 (2017).

LAND CONVEYANCE

This bill authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to convey certain properties located in Jackson County to the City of Independence (Section 1).

This provision is similar to HCS HB 488 and SCS HB 956 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this is a really good idea because the City of Independence already leases this property and would be willing to invest in the major repairs this land requires if the land would be conveyed to them.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Rizzo and the City of Independence.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say this conveyance would be a win for all parties involved, and they are happy to answer any questions.

Testifying on the bill was the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.