

HB 1691 -- PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Miller

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Utilities by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules-Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill requires appellants of Public Service Commission rules or orders to file their appeals with the appellate court with competent jurisdiction, and then provides that notices of appeal must then be served upon the commission and all interested parties pursuant to Section 386.515, RSMo. Currently, appeals are filed with the commission and later forwarded to the proper appellate court.

This bill is the same as HB 1080 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill streamlines the appeal process for commission orders and decisions, and avoids potential errors that are currently possible when the commission forwards mails to the court.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Miller and Shelley Brueggemann, Public Service Commission.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.