

HCS SB 581 -- LANDLORD TENANT ACTIONS

SPONSOR: Libla

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 7 to 4. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 3.

This bill allows defendants who lose a landlord tenant action to file for a trial de novo.

The bill repeals provisions of law which require a landlord to keep all security deposits in a trust account and prohibits commingling of the security deposit with other funds of the landlord.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that it costs landlords money to have to open a separate bank account. Supporters say that it is enough that landlords are required to return the security deposit, the states shouldn't also dictate what they do with it before then.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Libla and the Missouri Association of Realtors.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.