

HB 296 -- FOURTH AMENDMENT RIGHTS PROTECTION

SPONSOR: Hicks

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Homeland Security by a vote of 5 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill creates the "Fourth Amendment Rights Protection Act."

The bill prohibits the state or any agencies, political subdivisions, districts, and employees of these entities from providing a federal agency with any information or assistance in the collection of a person's electronic data or metadata unless there is informed consent, a proper warrant, or a recognized legal exception to the warrant requirement in a particular instance. The Attorney General is authorized to enforce this bill.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

This bill is the same as HB 2402 (2018).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill is vital to protecting the safety and security of Missouri citizens. They find it hard to believe that it is 2019 and this law is still not on the books, especially considering the past lapse of the Department of Revenue releasing information about conceal carry permit holders.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hicks; James Coyne; Casey Pemberston; Camellia Plosser, and the Republican Liberty Caucus of Missouri.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.