

HB 685 -- ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS

SPONSOR: Kelly (141)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 22 to 0. Motion to "Do Pass" failed by a vote of 2 to 4. A motion "To Reconsider" was made by Rep Gregory and the vote was 7 to 2. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 2.

This bill requires that for purposes of property zoning classifications, any sawmill or planing mill must be classified as agricultural property.

This bill is the same as HB 2102 (2018).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that in some counties which have planning and zoning with an agricultural exemption, saw mills are being zoned commercial and must follow the ordinances for commercial property when in fact the property should be zoned agricultural. This bill would clarify that saw mills are agricultural operations and should be classified as such.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kelly and Missouri Forest Products Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.