

HB 692 -- WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT RESTITUTION

SPONSOR: Bosley

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Urban Issues by a vote of 7 to 0.

Currently, when an individual is found guilty of a felony and later found innocent of the crime as the result of a DNA profiling analysis the individual may be paid restitution in the amount of \$50 for each day of post conviction incarceration. This bill increases the amount to \$100 per day.

This bill is similar to HB 1813 (2018).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the amount of compensation for false imprisonment offers little support for those that are trying to overcome the hurdles to reintegrate into society, and that innocence is not a partisan issue and that it is important for society to see that the justice system is fair.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Bosley; Missouri Conservatives Concerned About the Death Penalty; Reginald Griffin, Missouri National Association For the Advancement of Colored People; Missouri Catholic Conference; Brian McCallister, Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys; Staci Pratt, Missouri National Association For the Advancement of Colored People; Empower Missouri; Marion Boyd, Missouri Conference - National Association For the Advancement of Colored People.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill provided more specific numbers on the cost to incarcerate an individual for a year directly and indirectly to provide context for the amount reimbursed in the bill.

Testifying on the bill was the Department of Corrections.