

HCS HB 770 -- CONVEYANCE DEEDS

SPONSOR: Ross

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

The bill requires that when a property is subdivided and a new property description is created, the new property description must include the name and, if applicable, the professional license number of the person that created the property description. The bill prohibits a person from submitting for recording any conveyance of subdivided property with a new property description unless it contains the person's name and, if applicable, professional license number.

This bill is similar to HB 934 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that it's important to know who creates a property description because if a description is incorrect, there is no recourse to go back and see who wrote it.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Ross and Missouri Society of Professional Land Surveyors.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that this bill complicates the process without solving issues. There is no real value or purpose to be served by the bill. Additionally, we don't want the Recorder of Deeds to have to determine what is recordable and what isn't.

Testifying against the bill were Missouri Land Title Association and Recorders Association of Missouri.