

HB 899 -- LANDLORD TENANT ACTIONS

SPONSOR: Billington

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Small Business by a vote of 5 to 1. Motion to "Do Pass" failed by a vote of the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 5 to 5.

Currently, in landlord tenant actions, defendants have 10 days from the date of a judgment to file a motion to set aside judgment or for a new trial. This bill reduces that time to five days.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that reducing the time from 10 days to five days will prevent property damage and protect landlords.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Billington; Missouri Realtors; Greg West; and Angela West.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that the tenants need additional time. Reducing the time from 10 days to five days will have an affect to availability of affordable housing and increase trauma.

Testifying against the bill were the Missouri Community Action Network; and Empower Missouri.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that many homeless people have disabilities. There are many different landlords and our social climate is changing.

Testifying on the bill was Wayne Lee.