

HCS HB 1655 -- SECRETARY OF STATE RECORDS

SPONSOR: Kelly (141)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Elections and Elected Officials by a vote of 5 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee of Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1655.

This bill requires the Secretary of State to allow public inspection of the original rolls of laws passed by the General Assembly. The Constitution of Missouri shall be made available in print and online.

This bill is similar to HB 408 (2019).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will allow public access to digital files which may be searched and improve the process for storage of records. It will also allow public access and review of the lawmaking process. Reducing the number of required printed copies of the Missouri Constitution to a reasonable amount, based on demand, will save the state money and reduce waste.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kelly and Jay Ashcroft, Missouri Secretary of State.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: There was no one testifying on the bill.

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