

SCS SB 631 -- POLITICAL ACTIVITY OF STATE EMPLOYEES

SPONSOR: Hegeman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elections and Elected Officials by a vote of 7 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill allows state employees who are not subject to the Merit System under Section 36.030, RSMo, or the Uniform Classification and Pay System under Section 36.031 to seek nomination or election to a partisan political office.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will allow MODOT employees to run for county office, but continue to prohibit any use of state resources or campaigning while being paid for state work.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Hegeman.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that it might be wise to apply its standards across the board to all types of offices. The limit on running for State Representative or Senator is still in place as a constitutional requirement and applies to many state jobs such as teachers and fire district employees.

Testifying on the bill was Arnie C. "AC" Diehoff.