

HCS HB 509 -- RECORDER OF DEEDS BOND REQUIREMENTS

SPONSOR: McGaugh

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 12 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 509.

This bill requires candidates for county recorder to provide the election authority a copy of an affidavit from a surety company authorized to do business in Missouri that indicates that the candidate is able to satisfy the statutory bond requirements. For a recorder elected prior to January 1, 2022, the bond cannot be less than \$1000, and for a recorder elected after December 31, 2021, the bond cannot be less than \$5000.

This bill is the same as HB 2368 (2020).

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 his bill is to ensure recorders are elected in an appropriate fashion, and change the fees to puts them in line with other local offices and better reflect actual costs. The bill lets a candidate know the requirements before they run for office.

Testifying for the bill were Representative McGaugh; and the Recorders Association of Missouri.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.