

HJR 11 -- CHECKPOINTS AND ROADBLOCKS

SPONSOR: Hill

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 9 to 4.

Upon voter approval, this proposed Constitutional amendment prohibits a roadside checkpoint or roadblock established by a law enforcement agency except in an emergency situation to prevent the escape of a fleeing felon or in the event of civil unrest.

This bill is similar to HJR 111 (2020).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will allow voters to decide whether they believe checkpoint stops without probable cause should be allowed in Missouri. Checkpoints violate Missourians' constitutional rights and should be prohibited.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hill; Arnie Dienoff; and Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill submitted written testimony.

Testifying against the bill were Dale Schmidt, Missouri Peace Officers Association; Mothers Against Drunk Driving; and Dale Schmidt, Missouri Peace Officers Association.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.