

HCS SS SCS SB 72 -- JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

SPONSOR: Trent

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 14 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Regulatory Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

Please see the Summary Sheet for a detailed list of the additional language added to the bill in committee.

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

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this would basically prohibit a government agency from disclosing the information of a judicial officer or his or her family. This has happened in Missouri. Many judicial officers testified in the Senate hearing about the issues they have faced in the course of their service. We do not want to wait until the worst outcome happens before we do anything about this. Names and information of minors and next friends need to be redacted, too.

Testifying in person for the bill were Senator Trent; The Missouri Bar; Judicial Conference of Missouri; Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys; and Kara Elms.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under "House Testimony on Senate Bills" on the House website.