

HB 2853 -- CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Brown (87)

This bill modifies the membership of the Clean Water Commission by requiring each member to serve in a manner consistent with the provisions of Missouri Clean Water Law. The Commission will be composed of the following members:

- (1) One member, instead of at least two, must be knowledgeable about agriculture;
- (2) One member, instead of at least two, must be knowledgeable about the needs of industry or mining;
- (3) One member must be knowledgeable about the needs of publicly owned wastewater treatment works; and
- (4) Four members, instead of no more than four, must represent the public.

The bill also repeals the requirement that no member can receive, or have received in the previous two years, a significant portion of his or her income from water pollution control permit holders or applicants for a permit.

The Governor may not appoint any person who has a substantial interest in certain business entities if located in Missouri, and the commission must establish rules specifying when members must exempt themselves from participating in discussions and from voting on issues due to potential conflict of interest.

Any Commission member absent from four, instead of six, consecutive regular commission meetings will be deemed to have resigned.