

HB 739 -- NUISANCE ACTIONS

SPONSOR: Owen

Currently, statute prescribes certain procedures for nuisance actions in St. Louis City and Kansas City. This bill adds any home rule city with a population between 160,000 and 200,000 inhabitants to the list of cities these provisions apply to. Upon enactment, this will add Springfield to these provisions.

The bill allows certain actions for injunctive relief to abate a nuisance to be heard by a court without a jury.

Currently, property owners or neighborhood organizations that prevail in actions brought against owners of commercial or industrial properties can be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, as ordered by a court. This bill allows attorneys' fees to be awarded in actions brought against owners of residential properties.