

HB 1885 -- CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Van Schoiack

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture by a vote of 22 to 0.

Currently, the Clean Water Commission must have one member who is knowledgeable about the needs of publicly owned water treatment works. This bill allows more than one member with this knowledge to be appointed to the Commission and requires the Commission to establish rules of procedure that specify when members must exempt themselves due to a potential conflict of interest.

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

This bill is similar to HCS HB 488 (2025).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill allows more representation from those with knowledge about the regulated industries. Also the prohibition on receiving a significant portion of one's income from permittees reduces the amount of people eligible to serve on the Commission. By repealing this provision, the bill allows recent retirees or other knowledgeable professionals to serve.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Van Schoiack; Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities; and Jay Hoskins, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District.

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 Testimony on the bill page on the House website.