

HCS HB 315 -- MULTIPLE VERSIONS OF STATE STATUTES

SPONSOR: McNary

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 11 to 0.

This substitute combines and modifies the provisions of the Revised Statutes of Missouri that have been enacted in more than one bill so that there is only one version of a statute.

Some revisions may result in a clarification or change to an existing statute.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill cleans up duplicate statutes which contain slightly different language in two or three different versions. The appropriate departments have been consulted to determine which version should be retained.

Testifying for the bill was Representative McNary.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say these multiple versions are in conflict and cannot be merged. Where two versions of a statute cannot be merged, both versions are printed. A court cannot choose between which of the two versions to use; therefore, statutes with multiple versions need to be eliminated.

Testifying on the bill were Office of Legislative Research; Office of Administration; and Department of Revenue.