

HB 452 -- Prevailing Wages on Public Work Projects

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This bill changes the way the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations determines the prevailing hourly rate of wages on public work projects.

For the City of St. Louis and the counties of Cass, Clay, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles, and St. Louis, the prevailing hourly rate of wages will continue to be determined by consideration of the applicable wage rates established by collective bargaining agreements, if any, and the rates paid generally within those counties and city. The applicable wage rates paid by members of a tax-exempt trade organization as defined in the bill also can be considered.

For all other counties, the prevailing hourly rate of wages will be deemed the median hourly wage estimate for the construction and extraction occupational code most closely resembling the occupational title as published in the latest United States Bureau of Labor Statistics by Metropolitan and Non-Metropolitan Area Occupational Employment Wage Estimate. If no rate can be determined by that method, the prevailing hourly rate of wages will be the median hourly wage estimate for occupational code 47-0000 in the construction and extraction occupational code published in the latest United States Bureau of Labor Statistics publication.