

HB 932 -- WATER POLLUTION CONTROL BONDS

SPONSOR: Bivins

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 18 to 0.

In addition to amounts authorized prior to August 28, 2004, this bill authorizes the Board of Fund Commissioners to issue bonds for grants and loans pursuant to several sections of Article III of the Missouri Constitution. The authorizations are for:

(1) \$10 million of bonds for waste water pollution control, drinking water system improvements, and storm water control pursuant to Section 37(e);

(2) \$10 million of bonds for rural water and sewer projects pursuant to Section 37(g); and

(3) \$20 million of bonds for storm water control plans, studies, and projects in first classification counties and the City of St. Louis pursuant to Section 37(h).

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill only reauthorizes bonds that were approved by the voters in 1998. The bond issue passed by nearly 70%. The money is used for storm water control and water pollution control in urban and rural areas.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Villa; and Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District.

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