

SCS SB 987 -- WATER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

SPONSOR: Quick (Johnson, 47)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 13 to 4.

This substitute requires that a petition to form a public water supply district be served by certified mail to any municipality within two miles of the boundaries of the proposed district. The substitute also allows those municipalities to file an exception to the formation of the public water supply district.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this is not just a regional issue, and overlapping services are not beneficial to anyone.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Quick; City of Excelsior Springs; and Missouri Municipal League.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill are concerned that the two-mile limit will create action by municipalities outside their boundaries.

Testifying against the bill was Missouri Rural Water Association.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that this issue has been very difficult, but mediation has helped. They would like to require a community to notify the water district when it decides to expand its water service.

Others testifying on the bill was Association of Water Districts.

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