

HB 1204 -- DUTIES OF JAILERS

SPONSOR: Roorda

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill authorizes jailers to serve arrest warrants on individuals who are already inmates in the custody of the facility in which the jailer is employed.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will decrease costs to sheriff departments. Many sheriff departments hire civilian jailers in order to reduce the expenses of the county. Allowing civilian jailers to serve arrest warrants reduces the cost and time it takes to properly serve arrest warrants.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Roorda; Missouri Sheriffs' Association; and Missouri Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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