SB 559 -- JOINT MUNICIPAL UTILITY COMMISSIONS

SPONSOR: Gibbons (Rector)

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

This bill clarifies the definition of "person" as it relates to Sections 393.700 - 393.770, RSMo, to mean a specified type of entity created under the laws of any state or the United States.

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

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill is necessary to alleviate certain doubts about the legal meaning of "person" and allows joint ventures between municipal utilities and investor-owned utilities in other states.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Gibbons.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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