

SB 956 -- PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Kennedy (Hobbs)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 10 to 0.

Currently, a circuit court must follow certain public notice requirements when holding a hearing regarding the detachment of property that is part of a public water supply district. This bill increases the maximum number of days from five to seven before the hearing date in which the last public hearing notice must be published in the county newspaper. If that territory is detached and excluded from the district, the court must include a description of the district after the detachment in its decree and a certified copy of the court's order must be filed by the circuit clerk in the office of the recorder of deeds, the county clerk in each county in which the district is located, and the Office of the Secretary of State.

The length of the term of office for the initially appointed directors of public water supply districts is changed from June to April because of a change in the date of their subsequent election.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill provides needed clarification for current statutes.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Kennedy; and Missouri Rural Water Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.