

HB 751 -- MISSOURI PROPANE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH COUNCIL

(Vetoed by the Governor)

This bill changes the laws regarding the Missouri Propane Education and Research Council. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Removes the provision allowing the director of the council to initiate a referendum on the abolishment of the council and the fee for odorized propane;
- (2) Removes the director's authority to:
  - (a) Fill council vacancies and requires appointments to be made by the council following a public nomination process;
  - (b) Approve or modify council budgets. The council will approve or modify the budget after a 30-day public comment period prior to the beginning of each fiscal period;
  - (c) Require additional reports from the council; and
  - (d) Establish alternative means to collect the odorized propane fee and establish late payment charges. The council will have this authority; and
- (3) Removes the provision allowing the National Propane Education and Research Council to establish a program coordinating its operation with the Missouri council and authorizing the Missouri council to keep funds from a federal rebate on propane fees collected by the national council.