

HCS SCS SB 242 -- SEWER DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Pearce (Jones, 89)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on General Laws by a vote of 9 to 5.

This substitute prohibits the St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District from assessing a district property owner any fee, charge, or tax for storm water management services if the district does not directly provide sanitary sewer services to the property and the storm water runoff from the property does not flow, is not conveyed to a sewer maintained by the district, or is not planned to flow to a district sewer within 18 months of the assessment.

The substitute also provides an alternative procedure for issuing bonds for a common sewer district partially or completely located in Cass County by allowing the subdistrict to issue bonds if it receives approval from three-quarters of the customers of the political subdivision as specified in the substitute.

The substitute contains an emergency clause for the provisions regarding the alternative procedure for issuing bonds in Cass County.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will allow the City of Pleasant Hill to expand its sewer district. The Little Blue Valley Sewer District is at full capacity and needs \$38 million to expand. All bond issues must be approved by the voters.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Pearce; and Little Blue Valley Sewer District.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.