

HCS SB 480 -- STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

This bill renames the Second State Capitol Commission the Missouri State Capitol Commission and requires it to evaluate and approve capitol studies and improvement, expansion, renovation, and restoration projects to be paid for with funds appropriated from the Second Capitol Commission Fund which is renamed the State Capitol Commission Fund and to initiate planning efforts, subject to appropriations, for a centennial celebration of the laying of the capstone of the State Capitol. Members of the commission representing the General Assembly must be appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The bill also establishes in statute the 19-member Missouri Board on Geographic Names within the Office of the Secretary of State. The board must:

- (1) Receive and evaluate all proposals for changes in or additions to names of geographic features and places in Missouri to determine the most appropriate and acceptable names for use in maps and official documents of all levels of government;
- (2) Make official recommendations to the United States Board on Geographic Names on behalf of the state with respect to each proposal and assist and cooperate with the federal board in matters relating to names of geographic features and places in the state;
- (3) Assist in the maintenance of a Missouri geographic names database as part of the national database;
- (4) Maintain a list of advisers who have special interest and knowledge in Missouri history, geography, or culture and consult with the advisers on a regular basis;
- (5) Develop and revise state priorities for geographic records projects following guidelines of the federal board; and
- (6) Meet at least annually and submit an annual report to the General Assembly on its activities.

The board is allowed to apply for funds through state and federal grant programs to sponsor and publish surveys of the condition and needs of geographic records in the state and to solicit or develop proposals for the preservation of geographic records and publications.