

HCS HB 1350 -- MISSOURI STATUTES

SPONSOR: Richardson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 16 to 0.

This bill specifies that the revised statutes be printed, published, and distributed only upon the adoption of a concurrent resolution by the General Assembly. Annotations or supplements may be printed separately without the adoption of a concurrent resolution.

When a state or federal court with competent jurisdiction issues a permanent order enjoining a bill enacted by the General Assembly, the Missouri Solicitor General is required to notify the revisor of statutes of the order. The revisor, as soon as practicable, is required to publish a footnote to each affected section calling attention to the ruling and the footnote must remain until a final ruling is made by the Missouri Supreme Court or a federal court with jurisdiction. At that time, the revisor must remove the footnote as soon as practicable and update the website.

The bill requires the revisor to supervise the publication of the revised statutes on any official website of the committee on legislative research to ensure that a true and correct copy of the existing laws are available. The online version of the revised statutes must not be considered an official version of the revised statutes, unless the revisor chooses to certify it and place a certificate on the website. The revisor will also update the website on the effective date of new laws.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill creates greater efficiency in the statute publication process and provides valuable information to those who use the statutes regularly.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Richardson and Richard Moore.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.