

HCS SCS SB 643 -- MISSOURI STATUTES

SPONSOR: Rupp (Austin)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 14 to 0.

Currently, the revised statutes of Missouri are required to be published at least every 10 years. This bill removes the 10 year requirement and instead provides that the statutes must be published only upon the adoption of a concurrent resolution by the General Assembly. Annotations and statutory supplements may be printed without the adoption of a concurrent resolution.

When a state or federal court issues a permanent order enjoining a bill or statute enacted by the General Assembly on procedural grounds, the Missouri Attorney General must notify the Revisor of Statutes of the order and the Committee on Legislative Research is required to publish a footnote on the Committee's official website to each affected section calling attention to the court ruling. The footnote must remain until a final ruling by the Missouri Supreme Court or a federal court, at which time the footnote must be removed or updated.

The Revisor of Statutes is required to publish the revised statutes on the official website of the Committee on Legislative Research. However, the on-line version of the revised statutes is not considered an official version of the revised statutes unless the Revisor so certifies. The Revisor must periodically update the website as new laws are enacted, including an update on the effective date of any section that becomes law.

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 Senator Rupp and Richard Moore.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.