

CCS HCS SS SCS SB 843 -- BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

This bill modifies provisions relating to a number of state administrative boards, commissions, and councils. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Decreases the membership on the Missouri State Capitol Commission from 11 to nine members, by requiring the Governor to appoint two, rather than four, members of the general public. The membership of the commission is also modified so that the minority leaders of the House and Senate will appoint the minority party members of the commission. The commission shall evaluate and approve projects including the "21st-Century State Capitol Restoration Project" which shall include the development and implementation of a comprehensive master plan for the restoration and preservation of the Capitol building, grounds, and any annex areas. The term "annex areas" will include a building currently occupied by the Missouri Department of Transportation if used to house members or staff of the General Assembly. The commission shall further exercise ongoing supervision and coordination of the Capitol building, grounds, and any annex areas. The commission is required to issue an annual report based on the fiscal year and specified appropriation requirements for the Capitol building, grounds, and annex areas on or before October 1 of each year to the General Assembly and the Budget Director (Sections 8.003, 8.007, 8.010, 8.015, and 8.017, RSMo).

(2) Modifies the membership of the Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission by requiring the Governor to appoint two additional members (Section 41.1010);

(3) Consolidates the State Board of Health and the State Board of Senior Services into the newly created State Board of Health and Senior Services (Sections 91.640, 189.015 to 189.035, 191.400, 192.005 to 192.710, 192.230, and 701.040); and

(4) Makes changes relating to boards of record control.

The State Historical Records Advisory Board is reduced from 12 members appointed by the Governor to seven members appointed by the Secretary of State. The Missouri Board on Geographic Names adds a new member from the Department of Agriculture and reduces the at-large membership from nine to eight. The membership on any local records board established under Section 109.255 changes from one member representing first or second class counties and one member representing third or fourth class counties to two members and removes the requirement to have one member from a village, a township, and higher education (Sections 109.221, 109.225, and 109.255).

(5) Removes the expiration date for the Foster Care and Adoptive Parents Recruitment and Retention Fund and a tax refund checkoff to such fund are removed and the administration of the Fund is changed from the Foster Care and Adoptive Parents Recruitment and Retention Fund Board, which is repealed by the bill, to the Missouri State Foster Care and Adoption Board (Sections 143.1015 and 453.600);

(6) Modifies membership criteria for the council on library development (Section 181.022);

(7) Changes the composition of the Missouri Women's Council. The Council is reduced from 15 to 13 members with nine, rather than 11, members appointed by the Governor. Such members shall serve terms of four, rather than three, years and may be reappointed. The council, rather than the Governor, shall annually elect a chair and vice-chair (Section 186.007);

(8) Repeals the Missouri Area Health Education Centers Council and the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services shall assume all duties of the Council (Section 191.980);

(9) Repeals the State Hospital Advisory Council (Section 192.240);

(10) Repeals the Unmarked Human Burial Consultation Committee and its duties are assumed by the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Sections 194.400 to 194.409);

(11) Allows the State Board of Health and Senior Services, rather than the Life Sciences Research Board, to be responsible for overseeing the umbilical cord blood bank grant program (Section 191.756);

(12) Repeals a subcommittee on the development of a comprehensive entry point system for long-term care within the MO HealthNet Oversight Committee. The Professional Services Payment Committee is also repealed (Sections 208.197 and 208.955);

(13) Changes the membership of the Board for Certification of Interpreters from five members to three. One of the members shall be deaf, one shall be a certified interpreter, and one shall be either deaf or a certified interpreter (Sections 209.287 and 209.307);

(14) Reduces the membership of the Children's Trust Fund Board from 21 to 17 members with eight, rather than 12, public members appointed by the Governor. The representative categories of membership on the board are modified (Section 210.170);

(15) Modifies the membership of the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children to remove members of the General Assembly; add the directors of Children's Division, the Department of Mental Health, and the Children's Trust Fund Board; removes two teachers and adds a school principal and a school counselor; and remove the at-large member. Additionally, the bill requires the Director of the Department of Social Services to appoint all members currently appointed by the Governor. The bill directs the Task Force to focus on the prevention and treatment of child sexual abuse. The Department of Social Services, beginning January 1, 2019, shall work with the Task Force to make yearly reports to the General Assembly. Finally, the Task Force may adopt and submit to the Commissioner of Education and the State Board of Education policy recommendations addressing sexual abuse of children as specified in the bill (Sections 160.2100, 160.2110, 210.1200, and 210.1210);

(16) Codifies the creation of the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, which was originally created by executive order. The council shall have authority to review and approve nominations to the National Register, review completed state historic preservation plans, and provide guidance to the state historic preservation officer (Sections 253.408 and 253.412);

(17) Creates a waiver of occupational licensing fees by both state and political subdivision licensing authorities for specified military and low-income families. The waiver is for a two-year period with requirements as specified in the bill (Section 324.015);

(18) Currently, the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoints members to the following advisory commissions and committees: the Advisory Commission for Clinical Perfusionists, the Missouri Acupuncturist Advisory Committee, the Advisory Commission for Dental Hygienists, the Advisory Commission for Anesthesiologist Assistants, the Advisory Commission for Physical Therapists, and the Advisory Commission for Physician Assistants. This bill transfers appointment power to the Director of the Division of Professional Registration (Sections 324.177, 324.180, 324.478, 332.086, 334.430, 334.625, and 334.749).

(19) Transfers the duties of the Interior Design Council to the Division of Professional Registration. The council's role shall be to advise, guide, and make recommendations to the director of the division. The director of the division, rather than the Governor, shall appoint members of the council (Sections 324.406, 324.421, 324.424, 324.427, 324.430, and 324.436);

(20) Modifies application requirements for land surveyors

(Sections 327.313 and 327.321);

(21) Modifies criteria for membership and appointment to the State Nursing Board (Section 335.021);

(22) Transfers certain fund administration to the State Foster Care and Adoption Board which is created under Section 210.617 (Section 453.600);

(23) Changes the composition of the Missouri Film Commission by removing the General Assembly members from the commission (Section 620.1200);

(24) Creates the "Missouri Route 66 Centennial Commission" as specified in the bill (Section 620.2200);

(25) Allows the Director of the Department of Mental Health, rather than the Governor, to appoint certain members of the Missouri Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders and such members may be reappointed (Section 633.200);

(26) Modifies the Elevator Safety Board. Currently, two members of the Elevator Safety Board shall be building officials with responsibility for administering elevator regulations, one from each municipality having a population of at least 350,000 inhabitants. This bill provides that the two members shall be building officials, with one having the responsibility for administering elevator regulations. The requirement that each such member come from a municipality with a certain population is repealed (Section 701.353); and

(27) Repeals certain obsolete boards and commissions including the Missouri State Penitentiary Redevelopment Commission (Sections 217.900 to 217.910).