

HCS HB 1526 -- STATE ARCHIVES ST. LOUIS TRUST FUND

SPONSOR: Houx

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 7 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1526.

This bill repeals the laws authorizing the Secretary of State to open and maintain an archival facility in the City of St. Louis and the Missouri State Archives - St. Louis Trust Fund.

The bill requires that all unobligated funds in the Missouri State Archives - St. Louis Trust Fund on January 1, 2021, shall be transferred to the State Document Preservation Fund.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this fund is not needed, it did not perform as intended, and the last donation was in 2015.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Houx and Harry Roberts, Secretary of State.

OPPONENTS: Opponents say that they are opposed to returning the money to State General Revenue. They think it should remain in the original fund and be used for archiving Secretary of State documents.

Testifying against the bill was Arnie Dienoff.

OTHERS: There was no one testifying for informational purposes.