

HCS SCS SB 218 -- SEWER SERVICE

SPONSOR: Goode (George)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 16 to 0.

This substitute increases from \$28 to \$50 the voter-approved fee that may be charged for the repair of lateral sewer service lines on residential property having six or less dwelling units in St. Charles County, St. Louis County, and St. Louis City. If the fee is increased, repairs may be made to the entire line. Only condominiums that have six or less units per building are subject to the fee. Each unit is responsible for its proportionate share of any fee charged. If a condominium is served by its own lateral sewer line, it will be treated as an individual residence. If an existing lateral sewer program was in effect prior to the effective date of the substitute, condominiums and apartment units not previously enrolled may be ineligible for enrollment if it is determined that the program serving the unit was defective.

FISCAL NOTE: Not available at time of printing.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the substitute allows equal charges between persons living in condominiums and single-family residences. Currently, a condominium with one line is being charged for the number of condominiums in the structure and each is paying for sewer service.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Goode; and St. Louis County Municipal League.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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