

HB 2456 -- State Sovereignty Commission

Sponsor: Emery

This bill establishes the State Sovereignty Commission consisting of seven members including two senators appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate and two representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The commission must:

- (1) Identify proposed federal legislation that infringes on the state's sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution;
- (2) Advise and make recommendations to the Missouri General Assembly regarding any state legislation necessary to preserve the integrity and principles of the Tenth Amendment;
- (3) Require each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation to make himself or herself available to the commission annually to answer inquiries regarding all votes cast or intended to be cast on proposed federal legislation that may affect the state's sovereignty;
- (4) Refer cases to the Attorney General when the federal government takes steps that require the state or a state officer to enact or enforce a provision of federal law that lies outside Congress's enumerated powers and intrudes on the sovereignty reserved to the states by the Tenth Amendment; and
- (5) Hold an annual meeting at which it must elect from its membership a chairperson and vice-chairperson.

The bill contains a referendum clause and will be submitted to qualified voters in August 2010.