

HB 340 -- COUNTY JAILS

SPONSOR: Klippenstein

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Corrections by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill allows counties of any classification to erect and maintain a jail or holding cell facility at a site other than the county seat. Currently, only fourth classification and certain third classification counties are allowed this option.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that there are many different circumstances that arise relating to the location of a jail. Some courthouses are land locked, and there is no available ground to build a new jail. This is also a local control issue. The county commission should be allowed to determine where a jail may be located.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Klippenstein; and Missouri Association of Counties.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.