

HCS HB 546 -- HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Franz (Diehl)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 9 to 4.

Beginning July 1, 2012, this substitute requires the Missouri Housing Development Commission to have its offices and employees in Cole County and its executive director or chief executive officer to reside within 40 miles of Jefferson City. All expenses and costs incurred for the relocation of the offices must be paid solely from commission funds; and the commission may expend money, subject to appropriation, for its personal services, salaries, and operating expenses.

No more than the total of the last two years of funding or a minimum of \$300,000, whichever is greater, can be maintained in the Missouri Housing Trust Fund.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014. Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds of a cost of \$2,696,023 in FY 2012, an income of \$0 in FY 2013, and an income of \$0 in FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will make the commission more accountable to the General Assembly and places its offices in Jefferson City where there is plenty of lower cost office space available. Currently, the commission has a large amount of money and is spending it improperly. Projects that are needed, such as low-income housing and maintenance, are not being properly addressed.

Testifying for the bill were Representatives Diehl and Kelly (24).

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.