

HB 1792 -- CONVEYANCE OF STATE PROPERTY EASEMENTS

SPONSOR: Fitzwater

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Special Standing Committee on Corrections by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill allows the Governor to convey or transfer the title of any real property owned by the state or any department, division, commission, board, or agency of state government without authorization of the General Assembly for any purpose to any political subdivision of the state; to accommodate utility service; to accommodate rights of access, ingress, and egress on or to state property or facilities; or to facilitate the construction, location, relocation, or use of any common elements of condominium property if and when the state is a unit owner within the condominium development.

The bill allows the Governor, with the approval of the Board of Public Buildings, upon the request of any state department, agency, board, or commission of the state to grant or convey an easement across, over, upon, or under state land to any political subdivision of the state; to accommodate utility service; to accommodate rights of access, ingress, and egress on or to state property or facilities; or to facilitate the construction, location, relocation, or use of any common elements of condominium property if and when the state is a unit owner within the condominium development.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is needed because many construction projects are put on hold until the necessary easements are granted by an act of the General Assembly.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Fitzwater and Office of Administration.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.