

SCS SB 499 -- LAND SURVEYORS

SPONSOR: Wasson (Miller)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 18 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on General Laws by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill removes from the description of the practice of a professional land surveyor work which involves the survey of easements. The survey and location of rights-of-way are not exclusive to professional land surveyors unless the survey affects real property rights as defined in current law. The bill specifies that any document prepared between August 27, 2014 and August 28, 2015, must remain valid and enforceable even though any legal description contained in the document was not prepared by a professional land surveyor.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill corrects an unintended consequence in statute. The change in the language protects property owners while allowing utilities to conduct business.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Wasson; Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors; Missouri Energy Development Association; Missouri Telecommunications Industry Association; Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives; and Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.