

SB 561 with HCA 2 and HCA 3 -- PROSECUTION OF CERTAIN CRIMES

SPONSOR: Wasson (Rhoads)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness by a vote of 6 TO 4.

Currently, an individual that is accused of committing a crime may be prosecuted in the county where the offense or any element of the offense occurred. An individual that is accused of identity theft may be prosecuted in the county where the victim resides in addition to the county where the crime, or any part of the crime occurred.

This bill allows any individual accused of committing an offense under Chapter 570, RSMo, to be prosecuted in the county where the victim resides or conducts business or the county where the property was obtained or was attempted to be obtained.

HCA 2: Adds the provisions of HB 1137, HB 358, HB 1170, HB 836, and HB 1284 with HCA 1

HCA 3: Adds the provisions of HB 1293, HB 242, and SCS HB 1149

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this process will save time and money in consolidating cases that incorporates crimes committed in several counties.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Wasson and Kevin Hillman, Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.