

HB 2210 -- PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION COMPLAINT

SPONSOR: Barnes

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Utility Infrastructure by a vote of 18 to 1.

This bill clarifies the Missouri Public Service Commission's jurisdiction to hear complaints under Section 386.390, RSMo, to involve laws over which the commission has authority or rules over which it has rulemaking power and also explicitly includes tariffs set by the commission in the orders and decisions subject to complaint.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will expedite the current court process by clarifying that in certain cases where the Public Service Commission lacks jurisdiction, there is no need to bring a case before the commission in order to exhaust administrative remedies prior to bringing the case in circuit court. The statute has not been amended since 1919 and needs a slight modification.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Barnes and Shelly Brueggemann, Missouri Public Service Commission.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.