

HCS HB 1395 -- DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (Korman)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on General Laws

This substitute changes the laws regarding the Department of Natural Resources. In its main provisions, the substitute:

- (1) Dissolves the State Land Survey Authority and the Land Survey Advisory Committee and establishes the Land Survey Program and the Land Survey Commission within the Department of Natural Resources;
- (2) Revises the membership, terms, and duties of the commission;
- (3) Creates the Missouri Land Survey Fund for the deposit of \$1 of the \$6 fee collected by every county recorder for recording any instrument which currently is deposited into the General Revenue Fund for use by the department. The state and the department cannot use more than 10% of all moneys collected to pay for state and department administrative cost allocation;
- (4) Revises the approved uses of moneys in the Department of Natural Resources Revolving Services Fund;
- (5) Expands the duties of the department by requiring it to restore, establish, maintain, and preserve Missouri state and county boundary markers and provide the framework for all geodetic positioning activities in the state;
- (6) Requires the commission to recommend to the department a person to be selected and appointed State Land Surveyor. The State Land Surveyor will be the chief administrative officer of the program and will serve at the pleasure of the department director. He or she must be selected under the State Merit System on the basis of professional experience and registration; and
- (7) Extends, from September 1, 2012, to September 1, 2017, the authorization for the department to impose fees for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015. Estimated Net Income on Other State Funds of \$0 to \$3,833,333 in FY 2013, \$0 to \$4,600,000 in FY 2014, and \$0 to \$4,600,000 in FY 2015.