

SS#3 SCS SB 142 -- IMPLEMENTATION IMPACT REPORTS

(Vetoed by the Governor -- Overridden by the General Assembly)

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to prepare an implementation impact report instead of a regulatory impact report when developing, amending, or revising a state implementation plan to address National Ambient Air Quality Standard nonattainment areas under the federal Clean Air Act to comply with federal regulations relating to carbon emissions for existing-source performance standards or non-point source management plans under the federal Clean Water Act for submission to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in collaboration with other pertinent state departments and the Public Service Commission. The department must submit the implementation report and the proposed plan to the Governor, Joint Committee on Government Accountability, the President Pro Tem of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives 45 days before final submission to the EPA and post the plan and report prominently on its website 45 days prior to submission. All reports and plans must remain on the website for at least one year after final submission to the EPA. The report must take into consideration the unique policies, energy needs, resource mix, reliability, and economic priorities of Missouri and must include specified criteria. The Department of Natural Resources must hold at least one stakeholder meeting in order to solicit input from specified groups when developing, amending, or revising a plan.

Before final submission of a plan to the EPA, the Joint Committee on Government Accountability may conduct at least two public hearings within 45 days of receiving the report and plan in order to seek public comment.

Nothing in the provisions of the bill must be construed as otherwise conferring upon the Public Service Commission or the Department of Natural Resources jurisdiction over the service, rates, financing, accounting, or management of any rural electric cooperative or municipally-owned utility or to amend, modify, or otherwise limit the rights to provide service as otherwise provided by law. Nothing in these provisions can be construed to effect, limit, or supersede the provisions regarding the development of emissions standards for certain carbon dioxide sources.