

HB 2453 -- LAND CONVEYANCE

SPONSOR: Johnson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Corrections by a vote of 9 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill authorizes the Governor to convey certain state property located in Buchanan County.

This bill contains an emergency clause.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say this is a simple land conveyance bill. There is land in the city of St. Joseph that the city has had a right of way to since 1972. The city has been trying to find a location for a new fire station, and this location would be perfect in terms of the amount of shortened response time it would allow based on its location. They have one of the busiest fire stations in the state. This conveyance would allow them to start building a new firehouse. Currently, the land is owned partially by the state, the city has a right of way. The conveyance would serve the public interest and put the land to a use that would benefit the citizens of the state of Missouri. The funding for the fire station was approved by the St. Joseph voters in 2012 through a half cent sales tax dedicated to various improvement projects, thus the funding is already in place for the new fire station.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Johnson and Bruce Woody.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.