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TALK UTILITIES AT MML THIS WEEK!

This week is MML's Legislative Conference and if you or any city leaders are traveling to Jefferson City, please be prepared to talk about the following utility matters: the utility perspective of wireless antenna attachments, and protecting the value of municipal utility assets. MPUA's MAMU Legislative Committee meets Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. (316 Governor Office Building, 200 Madison St) and can be the perfect start to your MML activities in Jefferson City!

Wireless Antenna Attachment (Small Cells): From a utility perspective, MAMU's ask of legislators is to exempt electric utility poles from the bill. Our messaging is that electric utility systems' poles are much more complex to attach to than other poles in the right-of-way. As

such, more than half the states that have passed this legislation have exempted them from state oversight, leaving communication providers to work utility-to-utility to make these more technical arrangements. The bills to reference are [HB 1991](#) (Rhoads – West Plains) and [SB 837](#) (Rowden – Columbia).

Protecting the Value of Utility Assets (4th Class Utility Sale Vote): [HB 1947](#) (Alferman - Hermann) and [SB 658](#) (Hegeman—Cosby) are two bills that lower the voting threshold in 4th class cities from two-thirds to a simple majority when selling a wastewater or water utility. The main support for this bill is coming from Missouri American Water to make it easier for them to buy up public water and wastewater utilities in the state. MPUA's ask of leg-

islators is to include some common-sense due diligence language in the bill that would make sure that voters are educated on the sale by requiring public hearings specific to the sale, and a valuation of the system along with the impact if any, on remaining city resources and revenues, including annexation and growth. This due diligence language will protect the value of municipal utility assets when a sale is proposed.

Last week, MAMU testified against [SB 658](#) (4th Class Utility Sale Vote) and [SB 837](#) (Wireless Antenna Attachments). Special thanks to the leaders from Harrisonville, Fulton, City Utilities of Springfield, and Independence Power & Light for making the trip to testify. Your voice makes a difference!

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK . . .

[Senate finds compromise during 24-hour-filibuster, perfects Emery's utility bill](#) — Missouri Times
[Cable operator Fidelity caught astroturfing municipal broadband in Missouri](#) - Fierce Cable
[Transmission: Impossible? Logistics, bureaucracy choke wind power plan](#) — Post-Dispatch
[Missouri lawmakers discuss roadblocks, potential for rural broadband](#) — Government Technology
[Senate, Governor look to reform Missouri taxes, but which version will advance?](#) — Missouri Times

MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR

**Representative
Andrew McDaniel**
R - District 150



Elected to House:
2014

Committees:
Crime Prevention & Public Safety;
Special Committee on Homeland
Security; Utilities

Lives in: Deering

MPUA Cities: Kennett

Tidbit: Prior to his legislative duties, Rep. McDaniel was a Deputy Sheriff for Pemiscot County.

BILL BYTES: A quick look at bills being tracked by MPUA

[Find the complete bill report online here.](#)

[HB 1943](#) [Redmon, Craig\(R\)](#)

Authorizes a sales tax exemption for utilities used for commercial food preparation.

[HB 1947](#) [Alferman, Justin\(R\)](#)

Changes the law regarding sale of water or wastewater systems in fourth class cities. [Senate version: [SB 658](#), [Hegeman, Dan\(R\)](#)]

[HB 1991](#) [Rhoads, Shawn\(R\)](#)

Modifies provisions relating to wireless facilities & related infrastructure [Senate version: [SB 837](#) [Rowden, Caleb\(R\)](#)]

[HB 2214](#) [Plocher, Dean\(R\)](#)

Modifies provisions of the "Property Assessment Clean Energy Act"

[SB 823](#) [Schatz, Dave\(R\)](#)

Modifies provisions of the Missouri Clean Water Law

LINKS

[Find Your Legislator](#)
[House Session Dates](#)
[Senate Session Dates](#)
[MPUA Website](#)

MPUA CALENDAR

[Full Calendar](#)

February 26—28
APPA Legislative Rally
Washington, DC

March 8 | 8:30 am
MPUA Board Mtg.
**Hilton Garden Inn -
Event Center**

March 14 | 10 am
MAMU Legislative
Committee Mtg
Gov. Office Bldg 315

TRAINING

Spring Tech 2018
March 14– Marshall
March 15 - Lebanon



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