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HEARINGS HELD ON BILLS FOR UTILITY SALES AND WIRELESS ATTACHMENTS

The first week of April was a short but busy week for legislative activity because of the Easter holiday.

[HB 1991](#) was voted out of the Senate Commerce Committee this week. Several members expressed concern over the attachment fees. Chairman Emery reassured committee members that a floor substitute would be offered, and the fee would be addressed. We continue to work with the sponsor in hopes of finding a solution.

As previously reported, [HB 1442](#) is a bill relating to county commissioners, that passed the House with language that takes away the local municipal authority to prevent private wells within

the city limits. This authority allows the city to protect against contamination of groundwater. MPAU voiced concern about this language and the Senate Commerce committee stripped it from the bill in the bill substitute that it passed. Unfortunately, they added the utility sale language to the bill.

The measure changing how 4th class cities establish a sale of water, wastewater, and natural gas utilities has now blossomed to be amended beyond [HB 1947](#). The language is now included in [HB 1442](#), [SB 592](#), [HCB 23](#), [SB 658](#), and [SB 704](#). MPAU is working to amend the language to authorize the city to inform voters of the utilities' value and city impact if a

sale is proposed. The House has refused this position but some Senators favor the idea.

The Senate worked on legislation seeking to modify Missouri's term limit laws. The resolution would allow voters to decide if term limits are a good idea. It was 20 years ago that term limits were implemented in Missouri.

The first week of April saw the House working on their own tax cut bill. [HB 2540](#) would cut the income tax rate for Missouri residents to five percent. Missouri's corporate income tax would also be lowered. The loss in revenue would be offset by eliminating a tax credit for low income seniors, and phasing out some federal income tax deductions.

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LINKS

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MPUA CALENDAR

Full Calendar

April 25 | 10 am
Gas Commission
Mtg (MGCM)
MPUA Offices

May 8 | 10 am
MAMU Legislative
Committee Mtg
Gov. Office Bldg 315

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK . . .

[MoDNR Deputy Director discusses new regulations, department mission](#) - Moberly Monitor-Index
[State and federal tax cuts will cost Missouri more than \\$200 million this year](#) - St. Louis Public Radio
[Volkswagen settlement could overhaul Missouri's aging fleet of school buses](#) - St. Louis Public Radio
[Senate committee hears Berry's utility bill as House holds Senate version on standby](#) - Missouri Times
[Missouri Supreme Court hears case on future of massive wind energy transmission line](#) - Missouri.net

MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR

Senator Mike Kehoe

R - District 6; and
Majority Floor Leader

Elected to Senate:
2010

Committees:

Chair — Rules, Joint Rules,
Resolutions and Ethics; Vice-Chair —
Administration; Vice-Chair —
Governatorial Appointments; Local
Government and Elections;

Lives In: Jefferson City

MPUA Cities: California, Hermann,
Lake Ozark.

Tidbit: Sen. Kehoe owned and
operated a Jefferson City auto
dealership for 20 years.



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

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

[SB 592](#) [Hegeman, Dan\(R\)](#)

Modifies several provisions relating to elections
[NOTE: Includes sale of utilities language]

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

Changes the law regarding sale of water or wastewater
systems in fourth class cities.

[HB 1729](#) [Justus, Jeffery\(R\)](#)

Repeals provisions relating to prevailing wages on public
works

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

Modifies provisions relating to wireless facilities and related
infrastructure

[SB 917](#) [Crawford, Sandy\(R\)](#)

Modifies provisions relating to coal ash



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