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May 8 | 10 am
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Committee Mtg
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BILL CHANGING PROCEDURE FOR SALE OF WATER, SEWER, AND GAS UTILITIES PASSES

[SB 592](#), a bill on elections, was Truly Agreed and Finally Passed on April 19. Unfortunately, the bill was amended in the Senate to include a change on how a sale proposal for a 4th class city municipal utility is ratified by local voters. This amendment lowered the vote threshold from a 2/3 majority to ratify a sale of a water, sewer, or natural gas utility to a simple 50% majority vote to authorize such a sale. MPAU will continue to work to add language authorizing these cities to educate citizens on the utility value during a sale.

[HB 1991](#), a bill on small cell antenna attachments to municipal utility poles by communication carriers, has languished in the Senate. A meeting with Sen. Rowden and other senators has led to further direct discussions between MPAU

and wireless carriers. Several concerns have been worked out, but concerns of grandfathering existing contracts, pricing, and the full regulation of pole access remain.

[SB 917](#), a bill on the state regulation of coal combustion residuals, was heard in the House Utilities Committee on April 18. [MPUA provided the expert testimony](#) in support of the bill. This bill establishes the funding mechanism for the Department of Natural Resources to oversee Missouri's Coal Combustion Residual program. The state program will ensure that it is a proactive effort to protect groundwater by establishing permitting requirements. The bill was passed out of committee.

DNR's budget was discussed during Senate Appropriation hearings and it appears that additional monies

from the Volkswagen settlement will be set aside for grants and contracts to mitigate air pollution activities, which could include opportunities for long range electric vehicle station deployment. Further, Multipurpose Water Resource Program funds are seemingly intact. These funds will benefit municipal water commissions around the state, including allocations for the Clarence Cannon Wholesale Water Commission and the SW Missouri Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission. Of final note, the DNR appropriation bill includes a prohibition on DNR spending monies on implementation of U.S. EPA's regulations of the Waters of the US and the Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units.

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK . . .

[Five bills to watch as session's end draws near](#) - Missouri Times
[Missouri lawmakers balance regular business with observing Greitens' legal battles](#) - St. Louis Public Radio
[House Energy Committee endorses coal ash bill](#) - Jefferson City News-Tribune
[CAFOs wouldn't benefit from proposed exemptions to clean water law](#) - Columbia Missourian
[Senate committee recommends language change to broadband bill](#) - Columbia Missourian

MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR

[Representative Peggy McGaugh](#)

R - District 39

Elected to House:
2018

Committees:

Elections and Elected Officials;
Local Government;

Lives in: Carroll County

MPUA Cities: Carrollton, Norborne,
Salisbury.

Tidbit: Rep. McGaugh served six terms as Carroll County Clerk, and was a former President of the Missouri Association of Counties before becoming a State Representative.



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

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

[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

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

Modifies several provisions relating to elections

[HB 2289](#) [Higdon, Galen\(R\)](#)

Modifies provisions for waterworks and sewerage rates.
NOTE: MAMU testified in opposition

[HB 2449](#) [Redmon, Craig\(R\)](#)

Modifies provisions for construction of new facilities by utility companies.



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[HB 1991](#)

Modifies provision