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HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: House File 323
Committee: Economic Growth
Date: July 1, 2011
Member: Rep. Soderberg
Staff: Louis Vander Streek (1-3626)

EPC Board and Rulemaking Authority

House File 323 (formerly HF 180) is a bill that addresses problems with the Environmental Protection Commission (EPC). This bill changes the requirements for a quorum as well as the number of votes needed to act on matters within its jurisdiction. The bill also states that the commission shall only have the authority or discretion which is explicitly found in state law and that it cannot expand or enlarge that authority or discretion.

Summary of Action

Passed Economic Growth Committee 21-0
Passed House 95-0
Died in the Senate

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – Quorum and Action Requirements

This section changes the quorum requirements from five members to six members of the nine person committee. The section also changes the voting requirements to take action. Previously, it was just the majority of a quorum. The bill changes it to a majority of the commission membership.

Section 2 – Authority and Discretion

This section limits the commission's authority and discretion to that which is explicitly delegated to or conferred upon the commission under code sections referencing the Department of Natural Resources, the Beverage Containers Division, and the Animal Agricultural Compliance Act. The commission is prohibited from expanding or enlarging on that authority or discretion.