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Missouri Senate Gives Final Approval to Sen. Griesheimer's Proposed County Planning Act

JEFFERSON CITY — A bill sponsored by Sen. John Griesheimer, R-Washington, that would create the “Missouri County Planning Act” to allow county commissioners to form planning commissions to draft master plans for county improvement, received final approval by the Missouri Senate today (4/16).

Senator Griesheimer's [Senate Bill 5](#) seeks to allow counties with assessed valuations of more than \$200 million to create planning commissions to draft comprehensive plans containing proposals and procedures for street plans, zoning, and subdivisions. Proposals would be subject to public hearings and voter approval.

“Under this plan, elected county commissioners can be proactive and begin to draft plans for improving their counties before going to the community for a vote,” Sen. Griesheimer said. “The county commission would then have the authority to carry out that plan if citizens vote to support it.”

Under the bill's provisions, the planning commission would determine the applicability to the county of such things as land use, transportation, housing, community facilities, economic development, natural, cultural, or historical resources, human services, community design, and sustainability.

Establishing a county planning act has been a goal of Senator Griesheimer for a number of years. He proposed similar legislation during the past several legislative sessions.

“This bill would be very beneficial for our counties and the people who call those counties home, and I am glad the bill is finally advancing and has a good chance of succeeding,” Sen. Griesheimer said.

The bill now moves to the House for similar consideration.

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