

HCS SCS SB 497 -- COUNTIES

SPONSOR: Scott (Wilson, 119)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on Government Affairs by a vote of 7 to 0.

This substitute changes the laws regarding counties. In its main provisions, the substitute:

- (1) Requires unclaimed money or property found on a deceased individual to be delivered to the public administrator;
- (2) Changes the deadline for county commissions to receive proposals and publicly open bids from banks bidding to be a depository of public funds from April 1 of each year to any date on or before the first Monday of July; and
- (3) Specifies that any transportation sales tax approved on or after August 28, 2007, by the voters in either the City of St. Louis or St. Louis County will not require approval in both jurisdictions to become effective.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill allows public administrators to collect and hold income or moneys found on deceased individuals and requires them to follow established statutory procedures for the disposition of the moneys.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Scott; and Becky Schofield.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.