HCS SCS SB 497 -- COUNTIES

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

(1) Requires the public administrator to follow the specified procedures for taking charge of moneys or property from a deceased person's estate when delivered to the public administrator by the county coroner;

(2) Changes the deadline for county commissions to receive proposals and publicly open bids from banks regarding the selection of the depository of county funds from April 1 of each year to any date on or before the first Monday of July in the year for which a bid is requested;

(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; and

(4) Requires Jackson County to establish a tax maintenance fund that is funded by an additional 1% fee on the collection of delinquent and back taxes to be used for the administrative and operational costs of the collector.