

CCS HCS HB 2070 -- JOINT CENTRAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY DISPATCHING  
SERVICES TAXES

Currently, funds collected from a central fire and emergency dispatching services tax must be used solely for establishing and providing the joint service except in St. Louis County where the funds are used for equipment and services by cities, towns, villages, counties, or fire protection districts which contract with the joint central fire and emergency dispatching service except for salaries, wages, and benefits. This bill specifies that all funds derived from the tax, including any existing surplus funds, may be used by any city, town, village, county, or fire protection district or a central fire and emergency service board for these purposes.

Fire protection districts in Jefferson County that have levied property taxes under Section 321.243, RSMo, and imposed any communications tax for central fire and emergency dispatching services are authorized to use, upon voter approval, the property tax revenue for general revenue purposes.

The bill specifies that the sales tax that St. Louis County is authorized to impose, upon voter approval, to establish, operate, and maintain an emergency communications system will not apply to sales of food as defined in Section 144.014 and that the tax will become effective on the first day of the second calendar quarter after the Director of the Department of Revenue receives notification of the adoption of the local sales tax by the voters.