

HCS SB 851 -- NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC MEETINGS

This bill requires the governing body of any county, city, town, or village or any entity created by these political subdivisions to give notice at least four business days prior to voting and to hold a public meeting to allow public comment on an issue involving the implementation of a tax increase, a retail development project which utilizes the power of eminent domain, the creation of a transportation development or community improvement district, or the approval of a redevelopment plan that pledges public funds as financing for the project or plan. No vote may occur until after a public meeting on the matter where interested parties and citizens have had an opportunity to be heard, and no vote can be taken until the proper notice has been given. Any legal action challenging the notice requirements must be filed within 30 days of the date of the meeting or it will be deemed to have been properly noticed and held. These provisions will not apply to any votes or discussions related to proposed ordinances that require a minimum of two separate readings on different days for passage; and a tax increase under these provisions will not include the setting of the annual tax rates under Sections 67.110 and 137.055, RSMo.