

HCS SB 174 -- LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SPONSOR: Dempsey (Gatschenberger)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 13 to 0 with 2 present.

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

(1) Authorizes any city, town, or village to impose, upon voter approval, a fee of up to \$1 per month or \$12 annually for each line providing water service to residential property having four or fewer dwelling units for the purpose of repair or replacement due to failure of the water lines extending from the water main to the residential dwelling. The fee may be added to the general tax levy bill of the property owner and collected in the same manner as delinquent real estate taxes and tax bills;

(2) Adds the construction and operation of job training and educational facilities to the list of allowed projects that can be funded with the revenue generated by a retail sales tax under Section 67.1303, RSMo; and

(3) Allows a community improvement district special assessment to be added to and collected with the annual real estate tax bill for a property instead of being added as a perpetual lien against the property.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that these provisions are currently in place for sewer lines and need to be extended to water lines as well. Cities and counties do not provide coverage for repairs to these lines and an individual's homeowner's insurance policy does not typically cover these repairs. The bill allows any community to participate.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Dempsey; Missouri Municipal League; SITE Improvement Association; and City of St. Peters.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.