

HB 1553 -- PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT SALES TAXES

SPONSOR: Dohrman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 19 to 0.

This bill adds Saline County to the list of counties within which the board of directors of a public library district may, by majority vote, impose a sales tax not to exceed one-half of one cent on all retail sales for the purpose of funding the operation and maintenance of public libraries within the boundaries of the district. The tax will not become effective unless approved by a majority of the voters of the district.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this library district needs more revenue, and the bill would provide another option, upon voter approval, for the library to generate revenue.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Dohrman; Wicky Sleight, Marshall Public Library; and Missouri Library Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.