

HCS HB 639 -- REGIONAL JAIL DISTRICT SALES TAX

SPONSOR: Eggleston

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 8 to 1. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on State and Local Governments by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill extends the expiration date of the provisions authorizing the commission of any regional jail district to submit a ballot proposal imposing a region-wide sales tax for the purpose of funding a regional jail from September 30, 2015, to September 30, 2027.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the sunset provision was added to this law because the regional jail concept was new and this was an experiment; the experiment clearly works, so the sunset needs to be extended.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Eggleston; Ben Becerra; Missouri Sheriffs Association; and Missouri Association of Counties.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.