

HB 69 -- FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SALES TAX

SPONSOR: Cookson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Return to the Committee of Origin" by the Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 4.

This bill adds certain fire protection districts to the list of fire protection districts authorized to impose, upon voter approval, a sales tax not to exceed 0.5% for the purpose of providing revenues for the operation of the fire protection district.

The additional fire protection districts include those in Ripley County.

This bill is the same as HB 2447 (2016).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the fire protection district really needs the revenue stream this bill will provide.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Cookson.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.