HB 1291 -- COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE TAX

SPONSOR: Henderson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 8 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 13 to 1.

This bill changes the classification from second to first of certain counties exempt from the requirement that not less than 25% of a county's special road and bridge tax collected in a municipality within the county must be expended within the municipality for the repair and improvement of existing roads, streets, and bridges.

Currently, the changed classification only applies to St. Francois County.

This bill is the same as HB 87 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the county classification has changed so it is necessary to amend the statute in order for the exemption to still apply to the affected counties.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Henderson.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.