

HB 1464 -- PERSONAL PROPERTY DEPRECIATION (Berry)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Ways and Means

Currently, a telephone company has its tangible personal property assessed in the same manner as a railroad. Beginning January 1, 2019, this bill allows a telephone company to elect to have its tangible personal property assessed in accordance with depreciation schedules.

The bill contains a fee in lieu of tax requirement that applies to telephone companies in school districts that receive less tax revenue as a result of the tax modifications. Companies in these districts will remit a fee as specified in the bill to such school districts unless an increase in tax levy by the district occurs making the outcome revenue neutral for the school district.

The bill requires the State Tax Commission to include in its annual valuation of taxable property report to the Commissioner of Education, the difference in assessed value for any telephone company that utilizes the provisions of this bill. The commissioner must transmit the information to each school district.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 142 (2017).