

HCS HB 2030 -- FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SALES TAX

SPONSOR: Berry

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill authorizes all fire protection districts located in Clay County to impose, upon voter approval, a sales tax of up to 0.5% for the purpose of providing revenue for the fire protection district. Currently, only the Smithville Fire Protection District in Clay County is authorized to impose this tax. The sales tax must be reconsidered every 10 years.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the revenue is needed because of the growth of the community and there is a need for facilities and equipment upgrade.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Berry; Sherwood Smith, Missouri Council of Fire Fighters; and Fire Service Alliance.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.