

HB 2712 -- PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

SPONSOR: Knight

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 9 to 1.

This bill adds certain cities to the list of cities authorized to impose, upon voter approval, a retail sales tax of up to 0.5% for the purpose of improving the public safety of the city, including expenditures of equipment, city employee salaries and benefits, and facilities for police, fire and emergency medical providers.

Currently, the additional cities only include Jennings, Lebanon, Marshall, Moberly, and Washington.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the City of Lebanon has really grown and the additional revenue is greatly needed.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Knight and Benjamin C. DeClue, City of Lebanon.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say this revenue could be excluded from tax increment financing.

Testifying on the bill was Municipal League Metro St. Louis.