HB 610 -- PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

SPONSOR: Shull (16)

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

This bill adds certain villages to the list of cities and villages authorized to impose, upon voter approval, a sales tax of up to .05% for public safety purposes, including expenditures on equipment, city employee salaries and benefits, and facilities for police, fire, and emergency medical providers.

Currently, this only applies to the village of Claycomo.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will allow the village of Claycomo to put to the vote of the people a sales tax for public safety. The village needs this to update public safety infrastructure and make the community safer.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Shull.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.