

HB 1249 -- EMERGENCY SERVICES

SPONSOR: Hovis

This bill allows the county commission of a county of the first classification with more than 70,000 but fewer than 83,000 inhabitants and with a city of the fourth classification with more than 13,500 but fewer than 16,000 inhabitants as the county seat may impose a county sales tax for the purpose of central dispatching of emergency services.

The county may submit to the voters of the county a proposal to authorize the emergency services sales tax, or the residents of the county may present a petition signed by 10% of the county residents to submit the proposal to the voters.

The sales tax cannot be more than 1% of each taxable sale or service. The sales tax cannot be collected more than 36 months before the operation of the central dispatching of emergency services.

Any sales tax issued for emergency telephone service will terminate at the end of the tax year in which the tax imposed under this bill is certified by the board to be fully operational.

At least once each calendar year, the emergency telephone service 911 board of the county must establish a tax rate that, together with any surplus revenues carried forward, will fund expenditures.

Currently, this only applies to Cape Girardeau County.