

HB 2376 -- HOSPITAL DISTRICT

SPONSOR: Shawan

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Ways and Means by a vote of 6 to 0.

This bill provides that, upon the dissolution of a county hospital district in Ripley County levying a sales tax for the purpose of funding the district, the sales tax shall be automatically repealed and 25% of the funds remaining in the special trust fund will be distributed to the county public health center and 75% will be distributed to a federally qualified health center located in the county.

This bill is similar to SB 616 (2020).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill addresses how to disburse sales tax revenue for a hospital in Ripley County that closed in 2019. Supporters claimed that this bill would distribute the remaining funds to local health institutions that have adjusted their services to help cover the loss of the hospital.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Shawan; Karen R. White, Missouri Highlands Health Care; and Freddie Leroux, Ripley County Hospital Board.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.