

HB 633 -- PROPERTY TAXES

SPONSOR: Roberts

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 16 to 0.

Currently, a county collector is required to assess penalties on property tax payments not made as of January 1. For all property tax liabilities incurred on or after January 1, 2020, this bill allows a collector to enter into an agreement with a taxpayer for the payment of such taxes, including a waiver or reduction of penalties, provided that any such agreement requires such taxes to be paid not later than 12 months after the date the taxes are due.

This bill contains an emergency clause.

This bill is the same as SB 340 (2021).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill helps protect individuals who were harmed by COVID-19 and may not have sufficient money to pay property taxes. This bill supports people who are in debt through no fault of their own.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Roberts; Arnie C. Dienoff; Missouri Hotel Lodging Association; and Irina Lipkina-Kler.

Testifying against the bill was Missouri County Collectors Association, provided written testimony in opposition.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say the current penalty provisions may be problematic.

Testifying on the bill was the County Employees' Retirement Fund.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.