

HB 1047 -- TOURISM TAX

SPONSOR: Hurlbert

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 7 to 2.

This bill authorizes the governing body of any city of the fourth classification with more than 8,000 but fewer than 9,000 inhabitants and located partially in any county of the first classification with more than 200,000 but fewer than 260,000 inhabitants and partially in any county of the first classification with more than 83,000 but fewer than 92,000 inhabitants and with a city of the fourth classification with more than 4,500 hundred but fewer than 5,000 inhabitants as the county seat to impose a tax on the charges for all sleeping rooms paid by the transient guests of hotels or motels which may not be more than 5% per room. The proceed of this tax will be used by the city solely for the promotion of tourism. Such tax will not become effective unless the governing body of the city submits to the voters, and is approved by a majority, of the city a proposal to authorize the governing body of the city to impose such tax.

Currently, the provisions of this bill apply to the City of Smithville.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill would, upon voter approval, provide the city with funding to promote the city and its proximity to Smithville Lake, a tourist destination in the area.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Hurlbert.

OPPOSERS: There was written testimony submitted in opposition of the bill.

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.