

HB 1048 -- SALES TAX

SPONSOR: Hurlbert

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill adds certain cities to the list of cities authorized to impose, upon voter approval, a sales tax of up to 1/2% for public safety, including expenditures on equipment, city employee salaries and benefits, and facilities for police, fire and emergency medical providers.

Upon enactment, the provisions of this bill will include the City of Smithville.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that these services are necessary and this bill will provide the revenue to maintain them.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Hurlbert.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that this is special legislation and unfair to the rest of the state.

Testifying against the bill was Arnie C. Dienoff.

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.