

HCS HB 2077 -- SALES TAX

SPONSOR: Smith (155)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Ways and Means by a vote of 6 to 3 and 2 present. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Regulatory Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2077.

Beginning August 28, 2024, no county will submit to the voters any proposal that results in a combined rate of sales taxes in excess of 1.5%. A county may only submit to the voters a proposal that results in a combined rate of sales taxes in excess of 1% but less than 1.5% if such a proposal is for the sole purpose of funding law enforcement. All sales tax elections for law enforcement purposes conducted during the November 8, 2022, general election will be deemed in compliance with state law if the aggregate sales tax rate is not in excess of 1.5%.

This bill is similar to HB 872 (2023).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill would allow counties to provide more funding for essential services, such as public safety and police for local communities.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Smith; Cass Martin, Ozark County.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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