



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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WITNESS NAME: BYRON KEELIN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-402-0655	
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The Freedom Principle MO supports HB 660. For too long citizens have been manipulated by their local government officials to support sales taxes. We believe this bill will stop these practices and protect the taxpayers and save small businesses. Most of the time these sales taxes are used to feed an expansion of unnecessary government services. These increases in sales taxes are driving people to stay away from local businesses and shop online. We support this bill because it establishes a series of protections for the taxpayers. This first provision is increasing the threshold for approving tax increases. It proposes raising the required approval from a simple majority to a two-thirds majority. Raising the required approval percentage would stop or limit political subdivisions from putting these proposed tax increases on an April or an odd-year November election ballot because of the low voter turnout. Additional taxpayer protections include: • Prohibiting any political subdivision that submits a tax proposal and does not pass from resubmitting again for two years. • Requires the ballot measure to clearly state the financial impact of the proposed changes in terms of the actual amount per \$100,000 of a property's market value. Too many times, the voters are duped into thinking this will have a minimal impact only to discover they have been misled because the financial impact is presented in cents, not dollars. This will give the taxpayers a more truthful understanding of the financial impact. Overall, this bill will give these political subdivisions second thoughts about coming to the voters to pay for their special projects that are unnecessary. If a tax increase is needed, then the voters should have all the details so they can make an informed decision.



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WITNESS NAME: DENNIS GANAHL		PHONE NUMBER: 636-357-8071
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WITNESS NAME: BRANDT SHIELDS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-208-7879	
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WITNESS NAME: CHRIS ROEPE		PHONE NUMBER: 816-294-0497	
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WITNESS NAME: NANCY COPENHAVER		PHONE NUMBER: 660-263-5725
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LWVMO is concerned about a couple of provisions of HB 660. Prohibiting a political subdivision (such as a school district) from submitting a new or increased tax proposal for two years if it failed to pass the first time is overly restrictive on the local subdivision. For example, suppose the vote to build a new school due to overcrowding closely failed, the school board might reassess the plan to reduce the cost somewhat or address the reasons for the failure. Waiting two years to solve the problem being addressed could be detrimental in increased building costs and other consequences of failure to act in a reasonable time.



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WITNESS NAME: PAT		PHONE NUMBER: 314-252-1800
REPRESENTING: MUNICIPAL LEAGUE OF METRO ST. LOUIS		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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The Municipal League of Metro St. Louis is opposed to HB 660. Part of the building a consensus to pass a proposition is education the voters. Just as Legislators bring bills back each year and continue to work on garnering support. Municipalities need the same ability to educate their voters for a successful passage of a bill.



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WITNESS NAME: RANDY SCHERR		PHONE NUMBER: 573-636-6200	
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WITNESS NAME: RICHARD SHEETS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-635-9134	
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WITNESS NAME: STEVE HOBBS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-473-4601
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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WITNESS NAME: WILL MARRS		PHONE NUMBER: 417-848-8561	
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This bill would hamstring municipalities, specifically in the case of public safety budgets which rely on local taxation and occasionally do have a sunset or end date.



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WITNESS NAME: KENNY MOHR		PHONE NUMBER: 573-886-4266	
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I wish y'all would do something about opportunistic churches hoarding money that should rightfully be taxed.