

HB 2925 -- LOCAL PROPERTY TAX BALLOTS

SPONSOR: Fowler

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Property Tax Reform by a vote of 11 to 8. Voted to return to the Committee of Origin by a vote of 12 to 0.

Beginning January 1, 2027, this bill requires any question submitted to voters by a political subdivision desiring to levy a real property or personal property tax to be submitted only on a general election day.

The bill standardizes ballot language for questions submitted to voters by a political subdivision desiring to levy a real property or personal property tax.

Currently, ballot language often describes a desired tax as a specified amount on each \$100 of assessed valuation.

This bill requires ballot language to describe the desired tax as a specified amount per \$100,000 of appraised value, depending on whether the property is residential, commercial, agricultural, or a motor vehicle.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill standardizes how property tax information is portrayed to voters on ballots by requiring property tax levy questions to be worded in a certain way. Those in support of the bill state that the bill will provide for consistency in property tax ballots.

Testifying in person for the bill was Representative Fowler.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that moving so many questions and local ballots to November will stress election authorities. Opponents state that the longer ballots will cause more voter fatigue.

Testifying in person against the bill was Missouri Association Of Counties.

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.