

HB 1504 -- PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT SALES TAX

SPONSOR: Richardson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill adds Pemiscot County to the list of counties authorized to impose, upon voter approval, a sales tax of up to one-half of one cent for the purposes of operating and maintaining public libraries within the library district.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill allows Pemiscot County to bring this issue to a vote of the people, which can provide libraries with an alternative method for acquiring much needed funding. It was inadvertently excluded in a bill last year.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Richardson; and Missouri Library Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.