

HCS HB 63 -- PROPERTY TAX BILLS

SPONSOR: Gatschenberger

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 10 to 0.

Currently, collectors in all counties, except for first classification counties with a charter form of government and counties under township organization are required to mail a statement of all real and tangible personal property tax due to each resident taxpayer at least 30 days before the taxes are delinquent. This substitute allows the collectors to electronically transmit the required statement to the electronic address provided and authorized by the taxpayer to the collector instead of mailing it. Any electronic address provided by a taxpayer must be a closed record under the Open Meetings and Records Law, commonly known as the Sunshine Law. If the county collector certifies that the tax statement was mailed or emailed less than 30 days before the delinquent date and the taxpayer pays within 15 days after the delinquent date or 15 days after the certified mailing date, whichever is later, no penalty or interest can be imposed.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill allows people to get their tax bills and tax receipts emailed to them.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Gatschenberger; and Missouri County Collectors Association.

OPPONENTS: Opponents say that the email addresses should be an open record.

Testifying against the bill was Missouri Press Association.