

HCS HBs 2188, 1533, 1393, 2114, and 2113 -- LOCAL TAXES

SPONSOR: Hough

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 10 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Governments by a vote of 8 to 2.

CITIES OF ARCHIE AND WINNEBAGO FALLS TRANSIENT GUEST TAX (Section 67.1360, RSMo)

This bill adds the City of Archie and the City of Winnebago Falls to the list of cities and counties that may impose, upon voter approval, a transient guest tax of between 2% and 5% per occupied room per night for the promotion of tourism.

GREENE COUNTY SALES TAX (Section 67.1790)

This bill authorizes Greene County or any city within the county to impose, upon voter approval, a sales tax not to exceed .25% on all retail sales within the county or city for the purpose of funding early childhood education.

LIBERTY AND NORTH KANSAS CITY SALES TAX FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (Section 94.902)

This bill authorizes the cities of Liberty and North Kansas City to impose, upon voter approval, a sales tax of up to .5% solely for the purpose of improving the public safety of the city, including expenditures on equipment, salaries and benefits, and facilities for police, fire, and emergency medical providers.

BARTON COUNTY SALES TAX FOR A HOSPITAL DISTRICT (Section 205.205)

This bill authorizes, upon voter approval, Barton County to repeal a property tax and replace it with a sales tax of up to 1% for the funding of a hospital district.

REGIONAL JAIL DISTRICT SALES TAX (Section 221.407)

This bill extends the expiration date of the provisions authorizing the commission of any regional jail district to submit a ballot proposal imposing a region-wide sales tax for the purpose of funding a regional jail from September 30, 2015, to September 30, 2028.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that too many kids coming into kindergarten are not ready for school. This bill will provide

stability in funding for early childhood education, which has proven effective in increasing school readiness.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hough; Every Child Promise Committee; and Missy Riley.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.