

## SCS HCS HB 795 -- LOCAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

This bill authorizes certain cities and counties to impose sales or transient guest taxes; allows certain counties to establish theater, cultural arts, and entertainment districts; shortens the length of the term of office for certain directors of public water supply districts; and allows Kansas City to establish an administrative system for adjudicating parking and other civil, nonmoving municipal code violations.

## SALES TAX IN PERRY COUNTY FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Perry County is authorized to impose, upon voter approval, a sales tax of up to .25% to equally fund senior services and youth programs. The revenue collected for youth programs will be administered by an existing county tax force, while a seven-member senior services tax commission must be established to administer the revenue received for senior services. Appointments to the senior services tax commission will be made by the county commission, which will determine the qualifications, terms of office, and duties of the senior services tax commission.

## TRANSIENT GUEST TAXES

The bill:

- (1) Specifies that in Pulaski County, for the purpose of collecting a transient guest tax, the term "transient guests" means persons who occupy a room in a hotel or motel for 90 days or less during any calendar quarter;
- (2) Authorizes the City of Sullivan and the portion of the Sullivan C-II School District located in Franklin County to impose, upon voter approval, a transient guest tax of from 2% to 5% per room per night for the promotion of tourism; and
- (3) Authorizes the cities of Augusta, Carrollton, Chillicothe, Liberty, Miami, Missouri City, and Pleasant Hill to impose, upon voter approval, a transient guest tax of up to 5% per room per night to be used for the promotion of tourism.

## THEATER, CULTURAL ARTS, AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS

Currently, only St. Charles County and its municipalities are allowed to establish a theater, cultural arts, and entertainment district. The bill allows the governing body of any county or

city that has adopted transect-based zoning under Chapter 89, RSMo, and the counties of Boone, Clay, Franklin, Jackson, or Jasper and their municipalities to form a district.

The bill:

- (1) Allows the district to fund infrastructure projects;
- (2) Reduces the number of contiguous acres the district must include from 50 to 25;
- (3) Requires, instead of allows, the governing body of the city or county in which a district is proposed and approved to pass a resolution containing specified information regarding the establishment of the district;
- (4) Specifies the meaning of "transect-based zoning"; and
- (5) Repeals the duplicate of Section 67.2505.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS

The City of St. Louis is authorized to impose, upon voter approval, a sales tax of up to 0.5% for the operation of public safety departments including the costs of compensation, pension programs, and health care for its employees and pensioners.

#### PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICTS

The term of office for directors of public water supply districts elected in 2008, 2009, and 2010 is changed from June to April because of a change in the date of their election.

#### NONMOVING MUNICIPAL CODE VIOLATIONS

The City of Kansas City is allowed to establish, by order or ordinance, an administrative system for adjudicating parking and other civil, nonmoving municipal code violations. Currently, only the City of St. Louis may establish this type of system.