

HCS HJR 71 -- SALES TAX FOR VETERANS' SERVICES (Fisher)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Special Committee on Veterans

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment authorizes a dedicated sales tax of one-eighth of 1% for funding veterans' homes, services, and programs. The tax becomes effective January 1, 2009, and terminates December 31, 2016, unless reauthorized by the voters. If reauthorized, the tax will be reduced to one-tenth of 1%. The sales tax must be reauthorized by the voters every 10 years.

The amendment constitutionally establishes the Missouri Veterans' Commission within the Department of Public Safety consisting of nine members, five of whom will be veterans appointed by the Governor. The other four will be members from the General Assembly, two from the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker, and two from the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tem, each serving a single two-year term.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Effect on General Revenue Fund of an income of \$0 or a cost of \$65,250 in FY 2009, an income of \$0 or \$35,482,463 in FY 2010, and an income of \$0 or \$37,256,586 in FY 2011. Estimated Income on Other State Funds of \$0 or \$56,432,750 in FY 2009, \$0 or \$112,865,500 in FY 2010, and \$0 or \$112,865,500 in FY 2011.