

HB 1858 -- DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

SPONSOR: Christofanelli

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Ways and Means by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules-Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill directs the Department of Revenue to create an online mapping feature whereby the taxing information of political subdivisions and special taxing districts will be made readily available. The mapping feature will display the geographical boundaries of such political subdivisions and taxing districts, and shall have the option of superimposing those boundaries on Missouri House of Representative and Senate districts. The department may contract with a third party to maintain the mapping feature. The department shall implement the mapping feature by July 1, 2019.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that special taxing districts are driving sales tax rates up to almost 12% in St. Louis. This bill will allow taxpayers to see where the taxing districts are, where the rates overlap, and what the rates are in a shopping area. The Department of Revenue has all the information it needs to get this done.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Christofanelli.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say the department is working on this now and may have it online before the bill passes.

Testifying on the bill was the Missouri Department of Revenue.