

HB 2147 -- SALES TAX FOR FIRE PROTECTION

SPONSOR: Schwadron

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill adds municipalities contracting for fire protection services to the list of political subdivisions authorized to impose, upon voter approval, a sales tax in an amount of up to .5% for fire protection services.

This bill is similar to HB 1386 (2021).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that these municipalities should be on equal ground with municipalities that have their own fire departments.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Schwadron; David Stokes, Show-Me Institute; Robert Shelton, City of Town and Country; and Municipal League Metro St. Louis.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that it is just another tax and there are enough taxes already.

Testifying against the bill was Arnie C. AC Dienoff.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.