

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 163

By: Stipe of the Senate

and

Mass and Monks of the House

An Act relating to revenue and taxation; amending 68 O.S. 1991, Section 1370, which relates to county sales taxes; authorizing county sales tax election to be called upon initiative petition under certain circumstances; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 1991, Section 1370, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1370. A. Any county of this state with a population of three hundred thousand (300,000) or less according to the latest Federal Decennial Census, may levy a sales tax of not to exceed two percent (2%) upon the gross proceeds or gross receipts derived from all sales or services in the county upon which a consumer's sales tax is levied by this state. Before a sales tax may be levied by the county, the imposition of the tax shall first be approved by a majority of the registered voters of the county voting thereon at a special election called by the board of county commissioners or by initiative petition signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the registered voters of the county who were registered at the time of the last general election. Provided however, that if a majority of the registered voters of a county voting fail to approve such a tax, the board of county commissioners shall not call another special election for such purpose for six (6) months. Any sales tax approved by the registered voters of a county shall be applicable only when the point of sale is within the territorial limits of such county.

B. All items that are exempt from the state sales tax shall be exempt from any sales tax levied by a county.

C. After the effective date of this act any sales tax which may be levied by a county shall be designated for a particular purpose. Such purposes may include but are not limited to general operations, capital improvements, county roads or any other purpose deemed, by a majority vote of the county commissioners, to be necessary to promote safety, security and the general well being of the people. The county shall identify the purpose of the sales tax when it is presented to the voters pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section. The proceeds of any sales tax levied by a county shall be deposited in the general revenue fund of the county and shall be used only for the purpose for which such sales tax was designated.

D. The life of the tax could be limited or unlimited in duration. The county shall identify the duration of the tax when it is presented to the voters pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 10th day of May, 1993.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of May, 1993.

Speaker of the House of Representatives