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Background Materials and Research

Topic Summary:

Article VIII, section 16, of the Montana Constitution provides: “The rate of a general statewide sales tax or use tax may not exceed 4%.” This provision was approved by the voters by Constitutional Amendment No. 27 on November 8, 1994. Montana does not impose a general statewide sales tax on goods and services, but it does impose a selective sales and use tax on accommodations, campgrounds, and vehicles rented for 30 days or less.

Legislative Services Division Materials:

None.

Other Materials:

1994 Voter Information Pamphlet for Constitutional Amendment No. 27 (pages 6-7, 24)

Department of Revenue – Revenue Impact of Statewide and Local Option Sales Taxes (Jan. 15, 2016)

GENERAL STATEWIDE SALES TAX IN MONTANA

Introduced Legislation

2017

House Bill No. 620 - (H) 2nd Reading Not Passed -- A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING TAXATION AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF TAX REVENUE; ENACTING A GENERAL STATEWIDE SALES TAX AND USE TAX; ELIMINATING PROPERTY TAX LEVY AUTHORITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND SCHOOLS; REPLACING CERTAIN STATE MILL LEVIES WITH A STATE MILL LEVY ON CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL FUNDING; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO CLOSE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATION OFFICES; PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM THE STATE MILL LEVY FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY; REVISING SCHOOL FUNDING; AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ENTER INTO THE STREAMLINED SALES TAX AND USE TAX AGREEMENT; IMPLEMENTING APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS OF THE STREAMLINED SALES TAX AND USE TAX AGREEMENT; ALLOWING VARIOUS SALES TAX AND USE TAX EXEMPTIONS, INCLUDING FOOD AND MEDICAL; PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM SALES AND USE TAXES FOR A CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY TAXPAYER; PROVIDING A GENERAL SALES TAX AND USE TAX EXEMPTION DURING A CERTAIN STATUTORY TIME PERIOD; ELIMINATING THE RESALE EXEMPTION IN THE SALES AND USE TAX FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY AND SERVICES; PROVIDING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; ESTABLISHING THE CRITICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUESTS; PROVIDING FOR A 100% STATE-FUNDED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET; PROVIDING STATE FUNDING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR TRANSPORTATION AND RETIREMENT; ESTABLISHING THE SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUESTS; CREATING A SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCAL CONTROL AND EFFICIENCY FUND FOR DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF NONLEVY REVENUE TO LOCAL CONTROL AND EFFICIENCY FUNDS OF CERTAIN DISTRICTS; PROVIDING TRANSITION SECTIONS; CREATING A STATE DEBT FOR PAYMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS BONDED INDEBTEDNESS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 1-2-112, 1-2-113, 2-2-121, 2-7-514, 2-9-212, 2-9-316, 2-16-117, 2-18-703, 7-1-112, 7-1-114, 7-1-2103, 7-1-4123, 7-2-2730, 7-2-2745, 7-2-2746, 7-2-2747, 7-2-2749, 7-2-2751, 7-2-2759, 7-2-2807, 7-2-4625, 7-2-4918, 7-3-175, 7-3-184, 7-3-1104, 7-3-1223, 7-3-1230, 7-3-1313, 7-3-4312, 7-3-4313, 7-4-2504, 7-5-131, 7-6-502, 7-6-621, 7-6-1502, 7-6-1506, 7-6-2501, 7-6-2511, 7-6-2512, 7-6-2513, 7-6-2527, 7-6-4020, 7-6-4034, 7-6-4431, 7-6-4438, 7-7-105, 7-7-121, 7-7-2206, 7-7-2264, 7-7-2302, 7-7-4242, 7-7-8-2306, 7-10-115, 7-11-1003, 7-11-1005, 7-11-1029, 7-12-1132, 7-12-2105, 7-12-2151, 7-12-2182, 7-12-2185, 7-12-2203, 7-12-4104, 7-12-4106, 7-12-4161, 7-12-4162, 7-12-4222, 7-12-4225, 7-12-4252, 7-12-4255, 7-12-4256, 7-12-4337, 7-13-114, 7-13-142, 7-13-144, 7-13-2221, 7-13-2301, 7-13-2302, 7-13-2307, 7-13-2349, 7-13-3027, 7-13-3029, 7-13-3031, 7-13-3043, 7-13-4406, 7-13-4502, 7-14-111, 7-14-1111, 7-14-1131, 7-14-1133, 7-14-1134, 7-14-1632, 7-14-2101, 7-14-2502, 7-14-2801, 7-14-4109, 7-14-4404, 7-14-4644, 7-14-4703, 7-14-4712, 7-14-4731, 7-15-4260, 7-15-4279, 7-15-4281, 7-15-4283, 7-15-4284, 7-15-4288, 7-15-4289, 7-15-4290, 7-15-4292, 7-15-4301, 7-15-4324, 7-15-4532, 7-16-101, 7-16-2102, 7-16-2108, 7-16-2109, 7-16-4112, 7-16-4114, 7-21-3203, 7-21-3411, 7-22-2142, 7-22-2306, 7-22-2512, 7-31-116, 7-32-235, 7-32-2141, 7-32-4117, 7-33-2109, 7-33-2120, 7-33-2209, 7-33-2403, 7-33-4109, 7-33-4111, 7-33-4130, 7-34-102, 7-34-2122, 7-34-2131, 7-34-2137, 7-34-2417, 7-34-2418, 7-35-2205, 10-2-115, 10-3-405, 13-1-101, 13-1-504, 13-1-230, 15-1-101, 15-1-121, 15-1-123, 15-1-205, 15-1-211, 15-1-303, 15-1-402, 15-2-301, 15-2-302, 15-2-306, 15-6-101, 15-6-122, 15-6-135, 15-6-137, 15-6-138, 15-6-141, 15-6-145, 15-6-150, 15-6-156, 15-6-157, 15-6-159, 15-6-215, 15-6-217, 15-6-223, 15-6-229, 15-7-101, 15-7-107, 15-7-109, 15-7-117, 15-7-119, 15-7-121, 15-7-302, 15-8-308, 15-9-103, 15-10-202, 15-10-206, 15-10-305, 15-10-420, 15-15-101, 15-15-104, 15-16-102, 15-16-203, 15-16-611, 15-16-613, 15-16-207, 15-17-2303, 15-17-2307, 15-17-2309, 15-17-2309, 15-17-2310, 15-17-2317, 15-17-2318, 15-18-501, 15-18-504, 15-19-301, 15-19-302, 15-19-304, 19-3-204, 19-7-404, 19-18-501, 19-18-504, 19-19-301, 20-1-101, 20-1-208, 20-3-301,
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MOTOR VEHICLE FEES; PROVIDING FOR A ONE-TIME REGISTRATION FEE OF $50 FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES;

EXEMPTIONS; ELIMINATING THE STATEWIDE 40-MILL LEVY FOR SCHOOL FUNDING; ELIMINATING CERTAIN STREAMLINED SALES TAX AND USE TAX AGREEMENT; ALLOWING VARIOUS SALES TAX AND USE TAX STREAMLINED SALES TAX AND USE TAX AGREEMENT; IMPLEMENTING APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS OF THE STATEWIDE SALES TAX AND USE TAX; AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ENTER INTO THE TAXATION; REPEALING INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAXES AND CORPORATE INCOME TAXES; ENACTING A GENERAL STATEWIDE SALES TAX IN MONTANA

House Bill No. 640 - (I) Died in Standing Committee -- A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING TAXATION; REPEALING INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAXES AND CORPORATE INCOME TAXES; ENACTING A GENERAL STATEWIDE SALES TAX AND USE TAX; AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ENTER INTO THE STREAMLINED SALES TAX AND USE TAX AGREEMENT; IMPLEMENTING APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS OF THE STREAMLINED SALES TAX AND USE TAX AGREEMENT; ALLOWING VARIOUS SALES TAX AND USE TAX EXEMPTIONS; ELIMINATING THE STATEWIDE 40-MILL LEVY FOR SCHOOL FUNDING; ELIMINATING CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE FEES; PROVIDING FOR A ONE-TIME REGISTRATION FEE OF $50 FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES;

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Senate Bill No. 351 - (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 16, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO PROHIBIT A GENERAL STATEWIDE SALES TAX.
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House Joint Resolution No. 43 - (H) Died in Process – A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF A STATEWIDE SALES TAX.

2015

House Bill No. 276 - (H) Tabled in Committee -- AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 16, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO PROHIBIT AN INCOME TAX WHEN A GENERAL STATEWIDE SALES TAX IS IMPOSED; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2013

None.

2011

None.

2009

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2007