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SENATE BILL 246

Short Title: Increase Options for Local Option Sales Tax. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Smith (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 12, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ROBESON COUNTY TO USE THE PROCEEDS OF THE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION  
FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION IN LIEU OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Subchapter VIII of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes is amended  
by adding a new Article to read:

"Article 43A.

"Local Government Sales and Use Tax for School Construction in Lieu of Public  
Transportation.

**"§ 105-512.1. Short title; purpose.**

This Article is the Local Government Sales and Use Tax for School Construction in Lieu of  
Public Transportation Act. Article 43 of this Chapter and this Article give counties of this State  
an opportunity to obtain an additional source of revenue with which to meet their needs. A  
county may choose to use this source of revenue to finance local public transportation systems,  
as provided in Article 43 of this Chapter, or for financing school construction, as provided in  
this Article.

**"§ 105-512.2. Applicability; limitation.**

(a) Applicability. – This Article applies only to a county that levies the first one-cent  
(1¢) local sales and use tax under Article 39 of this Chapter or under Chapter 1096 of the 1967  
Session Laws, the first one-half cent (1/2¢) local sales and use tax under Article 40 of this  
Chapter, and the second one-half cent (1/2¢) local sales and use tax under Article 42 of this  
Chapter.

(b) Limitation. – A tax levied under this Article may not be in effect in a county at the  
same time as a tax levied under Article 43 of this Chapter.

**"§ 105-512.3. Levy.**

(a) Referendum. – The board of commissioners of a county may direct the county board  
of elections to conduct an advisory referendum on the question of whether to levy a local sales  
and use tax in the county as provided in this Article. The election shall be held in accordance  
with the procedures of G.S. 163-287.

(b) Authority. – If the majority of those voting in a referendum held pursuant to this  
Article vote for the levy of the tax, the board of commissioners of the county may, by  
resolution and after 10 days' public notice, levy a local sales and use tax at a rate of one-quarter  
percent (1/4%).

(c) Ballot Question. – The form of the question to be presented on a ballot for a special  
election concerning the levy of the tax authorized by this Article shall be:



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Local sales and use tax at the rate of one-quarter percent (1/4%) in addition to the current local sales and use taxes, to be used only for school construction or renovation, for the purchase of land or facilities for schools, and to pay indebtedness incurred by the county for these purposes."

**"§ 105-512.4. Administration.**

Except as provided in this Article, the adoption, levy, collection, administration, and repeal of these additional taxes must be in accordance with Article 39 of this Chapter. G.S. 105-468.1 is an administrative provision that applies to this Article. A tax levied under this Article does not apply to the sales price of food that is exempt from tax pursuant to G.S. 105-164.13B or to the sales price of a bundled transaction taxable pursuant to G.S. 105-467(a)(5a). The Secretary shall not divide the amount allocated to a county between the county and the municipalities within the county.

**"§ 105-512.5. Use.**

Counties may use the proceeds of a tax levied under this Article only for the purposes listed in the ballot question used in the referendum pursuant to G.S. 105-512.3(c)."

**SECTION 2.** This act applies to Robeson County only.

**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.