

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

The senate amendments to HB1967 makes any potential sales tax levied by the county for emergency medical services also applicable to services. The senate also changed the voter approval threshold from 50 percent to a majority. Furthermore, the senate amendments require all sales tax revenue to be apportioned in the same manner as the valorem collections for ambulance services districts and subjects any money received by an ambulance service district to an audit by the State Auditor. Counties will also be required to enter into an agreement with any emergency service provider receiving funds and must verify the provider's licensure and standing with the State Department of Health.

As amended, the HB1967 authorizes any county to levy up to 1 percent sales tax on goods and services in the county to fund emergency medical services with voter approval. Passage of the tax requires approval by a majority of the voters at a special election called by a resolution of the board of county commissioners. Any revenue derived from the sales tax will be apportioned in the same manner as the valorem collections for ambulance services districts. Monies received by an ambulance service district will also be subject to an audit by the State Auditor. Counties will also be required to enter into an agreement with any emergency service provider receiving funds and must verify the provider's licensure and standing with the State Department of Health.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1967 in its current form offers a county option to counties to adopt 1% sales tax upon submission to a county vote. The measure deals with county taxing authority. The measure has no anticipated impact on the state budget or revenues.

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Other Considerations

None.