

TO: Lester K. Fryer, Chairman, Local Government Committee

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SUBJECT: Senate Bill 458, Printer's No. 473 - Increase in the Tax Levy Millage to 20 Mills for Counties of the Third Class.

BACKGROUND: Present section 1770 of the County Code provides that the tax for general county purposes in counties of fourth through eighth classes on personal property shall not exceed 20 mills. The tax for general county purposes on personal property for counties of the third class is presently 15 mills.

PURPOSE: Senate Bill 458 amends the act to provide for increase to 20 mills for counties of the third class. Since the millage would then be uniform for all counties third through eighth there is no need for a separate sentence to cover third class counties, so the amendments have been prepared to delete that entire section and simply provide for a millage rate of 20 in the general coverage of all counties third through eighth.

ACTION: On July 27, 1971, the Local Government Committee reported out this bill as amended.

NOTE: As a result of the census several counties are changing from the fourth to the third class, the effect is to impose upon them a lower millage under the present act than many of them presently have imposed as a fourth class county. The Committee did discuss the other types of taxes which because of the third class are empowered to enact.

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