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SENATE BILL 81

Short Title: Modify Onslow County Sales Tax Distribution. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Brown.

Referred to: Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO MODIFY THE OPTIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE LOCAL SALES
TAXES IN ONSLOW COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. This act applies to Onslow County only.

SECTION 2. G.S. 105-472(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Distribution Between Counties and Cities. – The Secretary shall divide the amount allocated to each taxing county among the county and its municipalities in accordance with the method determined by the county. The board of county commissioners shall, by resolution, choose one of the following methods of distribution:

(1) Per Capita Method. – The net proceeds of the tax collected in a taxing county shall be distributed to that county and to the municipalities in the county on a per capita basis according to the total population of the taxing county, plus the total population of the municipalities in the county. In the case of a municipality located in more than one county, only that part of its population living in the taxing county is considered its "total population". In order to make the distribution, the Secretary shall determine a per capita figure by dividing the amount allocated to each taxing county by the total population of that county plus the total population of all municipalities in the county. The Secretary shall then multiply this per capita figure by the population of the taxing county and by the population of each municipality in the county; each respective product shall be the amount to be distributed to the county and to each municipality in the county. To determine the population of each county and each municipality, the Secretary shall use the most recent annual estimate of population certified by the State Budget Officer.

(2) Ad Valorem Method. – The net proceeds of the tax collected in a taxing county shall be distributed to that county and the municipalities in the county in proportion to the total amount of ad valorem taxes levied by each on property having a tax situs in the taxing county during the fiscal year next preceding the distribution. For purposes of this section, the amount of the ad valorem taxes levied by a county or municipality includes ad valorem taxes levied by the county or municipality in behalf of a taxing district and collected by the county or municipality. In addition, the amount of taxes levied by a county includes ad valorem taxes levied by a merged school administrative unit described in G.S. 115C-513 in the part of the unit located in the county. In computing the amount of tax proceeds to be distributed to



1 each county and municipality, the amount of any ad valorem taxes levied but
2 not substantially collected shall be ignored. Each county and municipality
3 receiving a distribution of the proceeds of the tax levied under this Article
4 shall in turn immediately share the proceeds with each district in behalf of
5 which the county or municipality levied ad valorem taxes in the proportion
6 that the district levy bears to the total levy of the county or municipality.
7 Any county or municipality that fails to provide the Department of Revenue
8 with information concerning ad valorem taxes levied by it adequate to
9 permit a timely determination of its appropriate share of tax proceeds
10 collected under this Article may be excluded by the Secretary from each
11 monthly distribution with respect to which the information was not provided
12 in a timely manner, and those tax proceeds shall then be distributed only to
13 the remaining counties or municipalities, as appropriate. For the purpose of
14 computing the distribution of the tax under this subsection to any county and
15 the municipalities located in the county for any month with respect to which
16 the property valuation of a public service company is the subject of an
17 appeal and the Department of Revenue is restrained by law from certifying
18 the valuation to the county and the municipalities in the county, the
19 Department shall use the last property valuation of the public service
20 company that has been certified.

21 (3) Combined Method. – The net proceeds of the tax collected in a taxing
22 county shall be distributed to that county and to the municipalities in the
23 county by using both the per capita and the ad valorem methods with neither
24 method being used to distribute less than forty percent (40%) of the net
25 proceeds of the tax.

26 The board of county commissioners in each taxing county shall, by resolution adopted
27 during the month of April of each year, determine which of the ~~two~~ foregoing methods of
28 distribution shall be in effect in the county during the next succeeding fiscal year. In order for
29 the resolution to be effective, a certified copy of it must be delivered to the Secretary in Raleigh
30 within 15 calendar days after its adoption. If the board fails to adopt a resolution choosing a
31 method of distribution not then in effect in the county, or if a certified copy of the resolution is
32 not timely delivered to the Secretary, the method of distribution then in effect in the county
33 shall continue in effect for the following fiscal year. The method of distribution in effect on the
34 first of July of each fiscal year shall apply to every distribution made during that fiscal year."

35 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009, and applies to resolutions
36 adopted by boards of county commissioners on or after that date.