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EXTEND TAX CERTIFICATION DEADLINE

House Bill 5078 (Substitute H-1) **RECEIVED**
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Sponsor: Rep. Gerald H. Law
Committee: Taxation

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THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

The General Property Tax Act requires that voters approve changes or renewals of millage rates by September 30 in order for local governments to collect revenue based on those rates in the same year. Routinely, there are requests for legislation extending that deadline in special cases.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would amend the General Property Tax Act to extend the tax certification deadline for three millage elections to be held on November 7, 1989. Taxes levied at that election in those instances would be certified for the 1989 calendar year. The cases involve:

(1) taxes levied by a township and a city for recreation purposes that are approved in the township at an election on November 8, 1988, and in the city at an election on November 7, 1989.

(2) taxes levied by a township for a legal fund to defend against the location of a landfill.

(3) taxes to be levied by a county for police road patrols.

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FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

There is no information at present.

ARGUMENTS:

For:

The bill would allow, as is not uncommon, the late certification of taxes in three special instances. The taxes are up for approval at the November 7 election; the standard deadline for elections is September 30 if the taxes are to be collected in the same year as voted upon. For taxing units, it makes sense to have taxes voted on at a regularly scheduled election rather than suffer the expense of holding a special election.

POSITIONS:

There are no positions on the bill.

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