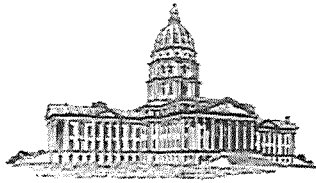


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To: House Taxation Committee Chairman Smith
From: Doug Blex, State Representative House District 12
Date: February 21, 2022
RE: Proponent Testimony on HB 2682

Chairman Smith and Committee Members thank you for allowing me to testify in favor of HB 2682

I was contacted by City of Latham City Clerk to see if I could help with a problem with their vote on increasing the sales tax in Latham by 0.5 percent. I met with city clerk and we looked at Resolution, minutes of City of Latham meeting, publication notice by local newspaper as well as paid invoices and validation of election by Butler County Clerk.

The sales tax measure passed (23-12), but the problem was the local newspaper delayed publication as promised and the publication was one day late. K.S.A. 12-187, and amendments therto, requires publication 21 days prior to election and the newspaper did not publish until 20 days prior, being 1 day short as required by statute.

HB 2682 will serve to validate this election, so the City of Latham does not have to have another election and pay for undo costs and delay in sales tax collection.

I ask you support this bill and help the City of Latham.

Respectfully,

Doug Blex

State Representative, House District 12