

AMENDMENT PROPOSED TO

Am #1

HOUSE BILL NO. 1769

By Representative Upshaw

See attached

Amend by inserting between lines 99 & 100 the following:

AMEND TITLE (to conform) (as follows):

~~DIRECT REFERENDUM~~

rate in effect on the effective date of HB 1769, 2005 Reg Session, may be increased,

(c)

1 ~~SECTION 2.~~ Before any tax authorized under this act ~~may be~~
2 imposed, the ~~governing authorities,~~ ^{board of supervisors} ~~(board of supervisors)~~ shall
3 adopt a resolution declaring ~~their~~ ^{its} intention to levy the
4 tax, setting forth the amount of the tax to be imposed, the date
5 upon which the tax shall become effective and calling for an
6 election to be held on the question. The date of the election
7 shall be fixed in the resolution. Notice of such intention shall
8 be published once each week for at least three (3) consecutive
9 weeks in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in
10 ~~(the City of~~ ^{Hancock} ~~)~~ ^A County, with the first publication of the
11 notice to be made not less than twenty-one (21) days before the
12 date fixed in the resolution for the election and the last
13 publication to be made not more than seven (7) days before the
14 election. At the election, all qualified electors of the ~~(city of~~
15 ~~)~~ ^{Hancock} County may vote, and the ballots used in the election
16 shall have printed thereon a brief statement of the amount and
17 purposes of the proposed tax levy and the words "FOR THE TAX" and,
18 on a separate line, "AGAINST THE TAX" and the voters shall vote by
19 placing a cross (X) or check (✓) opposite their choice on the
20 proposition. When the results of the election shall have been
21 canvassed and certified, the ~~(city)~~ county may levy the tax if
22 sixty percent (60%) of the qualified electors who vote in the
23 election vote in favor of the tax. At least thirty (30) days
24 before the effective date of the tax provided in this section, the
25 ~~(governing authorities)~~ board of supervisors shall furnish to the
26 State Tax Commission a certified copy of the resolution evidencing
27 the tax.