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Sen. Gross Introduces Fairness-in-Taxation Legislation

Measure Ensures Personal Property Tax is Paid to Proper Jurisdiction

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Chuck Gross, R-St. Charles, today introduced SB 691, ensuring that personal property taxes are listed with, and paid to the county in which the property's owner officially lives.

"What county officials have been telling us, is that some people are listing their taxable personal property with counties having lower tax rates," said Sen. Gross. "This unfairly short-changes these people's actual home counties, in which they and their children enjoy the services of their local government and the education of their local schools supported by personal property tax revenue."

Sen. Gross's legislation defines "residence address" as the "location or residence within this state in which the applicant [taxpayer] physically currently resides." Knowingly violating the strengthened personal property listing requirements would be a misdemeanor offense.

Sen. Gross's tax equity measure will next be referred to a Senate committee, where an approving vote will move the proposal to the Senate floor for debate by the full body. Joint House and Senate approval moves the legislation to the governor's desk.

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