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Senator Jason Crowell Succeeds in Removing Local Sales Tax Provision

Change Protects Cape Girardeau County's Tax Base

JEFFERSON CITY — Sen. Jason Crowell (R-Cape Girardeau) announced today that a bill granting state sales tax exemptions to manufacturers buying utilities will move forward without a local sales tax exemption. The change was made to the bill today during a conference committee.

“This bill is meant to strengthen Missouri’s already growing economy, not harm local revenues,” said Sen. Crowell. “The bill as it was could have hurt Cape Girardeau, which is why I fought so hard to get the change made.”

House Bill 327 includes a series of tax credits and economic development measures, one of which would make manufacturers exempt from paying sales tax on utilities. The exemption originally included state and local taxes.

Cape Girardeau County is home to Proctor and Gamble’s paper products plant, and the county collects approximately \$365,000 in sales taxes from the plant’s utilities. Presiding Commissioner Gerald Jones expressed objections to the legislation to Crowell in a recent letter.

“I am in Jefferson City to act in the interests of the 27th District, and Commissioner Jones made it clear that this particular tax credit was not in the interest of Cape Girardeau County,” said Sen. Crowell. “Now, this bill will be able to accomplish its original goal of helping the state of Missouri.”

After the bill makes it out of conference committee, it will need final approval from both the Senate and House before it is sent to the governor.