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Senate Panel Considers Bill Sponsored by Sen. Rob Mayer to Allow Voter-Approved Sales Tax to Help Fund Public Libraries

JEFFERSON CITY – A Senate panel considered a bill today (3/4) sponsored by Senator Rob Mayer, R-Dexter, that would allow public library districts to seek a voter-approved sales tax to help fund library operations and maintenance.

[Senate Bill 266](#) would allow public library districts to adopt a local sales tax of not more than one half of one cent upon voter approval. Currently, public libraries are funded by local property taxes.

“This bill would give Missouri communities the option to fund their libraries through a sales tax, property tax, or a combination of both,” said Sen. Mayer, who is a member of the Secretary of State’s Council on Library Development. “Many library districts struggle with adequate funding, and this would provide another potential revenue stream to help keep our public libraries thriving.”

Public library districts include city library districts, county library districts, city-county library districts, municipal library districts, consolidated library districts and urban library districts.

The proposed legislation is being considered by the Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee.

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