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HOUSE BILL 441

Short Title: Require Ad Valorem LOST Distrib./Carteret. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative McElraft.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE CARTERET COUNTY TO USE THE AD VALOREM METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION FOR LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. This act applies only to Carteret County.

SECTION 2. G.S. 105-472 reads as rewritten:

"§ 105-472. **Disposition and distribution of taxes collected.**

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(b) **Distribution Between Counties and Cities.** – The Secretary shall divide the amount allocated to each taxing county among the county and its municipalities in accordance with the method determined by the county. ~~The board of county commissioners shall, by resolution, choose one of the following methods of distribution:~~

(1) ~~Per Capita Method.~~—~~The net proceeds of the tax collected in a taxing county shall be distributed to that county and to the municipalities in the county on a per capita basis according to the total population of the taxing county, plus the total population of the municipalities in the county. In the case of a municipality located in more than one county, only that part of its population living in the taxing county is considered its "total population". In order to make the distribution, the Secretary shall determine a per capita figure by dividing the amount allocated to each taxing county by the total population of that county plus the total population of all municipalities in the county. The Secretary shall then multiply this per capita figure by the population of the taxing county and by the population of each municipality in the county; each respective product shall be the amount to be distributed to the county and to each municipality in the county. To determine the population of each county and each municipality, the Secretary shall use the most recent annual estimate of population certified by the State Budget Officer.~~

(2) ~~Ad Valorem Method.~~this subsection. The net proceeds of the tax collected in a taxing county shall be distributed to that county and the municipalities in the county in proportion to the total amount of ad valorem taxes levied by each on property having a tax situs in the taxing county during the fiscal year next preceding the distribution. For purposes of this section, the amount of the ad valorem taxes levied by a county or municipality includes ad valorem taxes levied by the county or municipality in behalf of a taxing district and collected



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1 by the county or municipality. In addition, the amount of taxes levied by a
2 county includes ad valorem taxes levied by a merged school administrative
3 unit described in G.S. 115C-513 in the part of the unit located in the county.
4 In computing the amount of tax proceeds to be distributed to each county and
5 municipality, the amount of any ad valorem taxes levied but not substantially
6 collected shall be ignored. Each county and municipality receiving a
7 distribution of the proceeds of the tax levied under this Article shall in turn
8 immediately share the proceeds with each district in behalf of which the
9 county or municipality levied ad valorem taxes in the proportion that the
10 district levy bears to the total levy of the county or municipality. Any county
11 or municipality that fails to provide the Department of Revenue with
12 information concerning ad valorem taxes levied by it adequate to permit a
13 timely determination of its appropriate share of tax proceeds collected under
14 this Article may be excluded by the Secretary from each monthly distribution
15 with respect to which the information was not provided in a timely manner,
16 and those tax proceeds shall then be distributed only to the remaining counties
17 or municipalities, as appropriate. For the purpose of computing the
18 distribution of the tax under this subsection to any county and the
19 municipalities located in the county for any month with respect to which the
20 property valuation of a public service company is the subject of an appeal and
21 the Department of Revenue is restrained by law from certifying the valuation
22 to the county and the municipalities in the county, the Department shall use
23 the last property valuation of the public service company that has been
24 certified.

25 ~~The board of county commissioners in each taxing county shall, by resolution adopted during~~
26 ~~the month of April of each year, determine which of the two foregoing methods of distribution~~
27 ~~shall be in effect in the county during the next succeeding fiscal year. In order for the resolution~~
28 ~~to be effective, a certified copy of it must be delivered to the Secretary in Raleigh within 15~~
29 ~~calendar days after its adoption. If the board fails to adopt a resolution choosing a method of~~
30 ~~distribution not then in effect in the county, or if a certified copy of the resolution is not timely~~
31 ~~delivered to the Secretary, the method of distribution then in effect in the county shall continue~~
32 ~~in effect for the following fiscal year. The This method of distribution in effect on the first of~~
33 ~~July of each fiscal year shall apply applies to every distribution made during that fiscal year.~~

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35 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.