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HB0445 - Property Tax - Constant Yield Tax Rate - Notice Requirements

Hearing: February 8th, 2022

Chairwoman Atterbeary, Vice Chair Washington, and Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

HB0445 seeks to clarify language in the current law that requires county or municipal corporations to publish tax information in the newspaper. This bill will require the taxing authority to clearly state if it intends to maintain the current property tax rate. Previously the law required wording that has led to confusion by constituents to believe that their tax rates may be increasing. This bill will require language that is more straightforward in an effort to eliminate this confusion for constituents.

I urge you to vote favorably on HB0445

Sincerely, Delegate Stephanie M. Smith