

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**

**BOARD BILL NO. 351**

**INTRODUCED BY PRESIDENT LEWIS REED  
ALDERMAN STEPHEN CONWAY**

An ordinance relating to public safety; imposing, under and by the authority of Section 92.500 RSMo , subject to the approval of the voters, a one-half of one percent sales tax on all retail sales made in the City of St. Louis which are subject to taxation under the provisions of Sections 144.010 to 144.525 RSMo, solely for the purpose of providing revenues for the operation of public safety departments, including police and fire departments, in addition to any and all other sales taxes allowed by law; submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis a proposal to impose such tax; providing for an election and the manner of voting thereat; providing that if such question shall receive the votes of a majority of the voters voting thereon that such tax shall be authorized and in effect as provided in Section 92.500 RSMo; and containing an emergency clause.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION ONE.** Under and by the authority of Section 92.500 RSMo, there is hereby imposed, subject, however, to the approval of the qualified voters as hereinafter provided, a one-half of one percent sales tax on all retail sales made in the City of St. Louis, solely for the purpose of providing revenues for the operation of public safety departments, including police and fire departments, in addition to any and all other sales taxes allowed by law.

1 **SECTION TWO.** The following question is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of the City  
2 of St. Louis and shall be voted upon at an election to be held as hereinafter provided. The  
3 question shall read substantially in words and figures as follows:

4 Shall the City of St. Louis impose a sales tax at a rate of one half of one percent , solely for the purpose of  
5 providing revenues for the operation of public safety departments of the city including hiring more police  
6 officers, police and firefighter compensation, prosecuting more criminals, nuisance crimes and problem  
7 properties, and funding police and fire pensions?

8  [YES]  [NO]

9 If you are in favor of the question, place an [X] in the box opposite [YES]. If you are opposed to  
10 the question, place and [X] in the box opposite [NO].

11 **SECTION THREE.** The foregoing question shall be submitted to the qualified voters at an  
12 election called and to be held on Tuesday, the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) day of February, 2008, and if the question  
13 shall receive in its favor the votes of a majority of the voters voting thereon, the tax shall be  
14 authorized and shall become effective as provided in Section 92.500 RSMo. The qualified voters  
15 may, at such election, vote a ballot in substantially the following form:

16 Shall the City of St. Louis impose a sales tax at a rate of one half of one percent , solely for the  
17 purpose of providing revenues for the operation of public safety departments of the city including  
18 hiring more police officers, police and firefighter compensation, prosecuting more criminals,  
19 nuisance crimes and problem properties, and funding police and fire pensions?

20  [YES]  [NO]

21 If you are in favor of the question, place an [X] in the box opposite [YES]. If you are opposed to  
22 the question, place and [X] in the box opposite [NO].

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Sponsor: President Lewis Reed  
Alderman Stephen Conway

1 **SECTION FOUR.** The Board of Election Commissioners of the City of St. Louis shall provide  
2 notice of such election, shall provide the ballots or voting machines, or both, and conduct the  
3 election and shall ascertain the results thereof, all according to the laws regulating such elections.  
4 Upon approval of this ordinance, it shall be published once in the City Journal. Proof of  
5 publication of this ordinance shall be made by affidavit of the City Register and such affidavit  
6 shall be filed in the office of the City Register and a copy of said publication shall be attached  
7 thereto.

8 **SECTION FIVE.** The provisions of Section 92.500 RSMo are adopted and incorporated herein  
9 by reference as if fully set forth.

10 **SECTION SIX.** The tax imposed pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance shall be a tax on  
11 all retail sales made in the City of St. Louis which are subject to taxation under the provisions of  
12 Sections 144.010 to 144.525 RSMo.

13 **SECTION SEVEN.** All revenue returned to the City of St. Louis from the tax authorized by  
14 this Ordinance pursuant to Section 92.500 RSMo. shall be deposited with the treasurer of the  
15 City and all expenditures thereof shall be by an appropriation ordinance.

16 **SECTION EIGHT.** This being an ordinance providing for the submission of a question to  
17 the voters, it is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance as provided by Article IV,  
18 Section 20 of the Charter of the City of St. Louis, and shall be effective immediately upon  
19 approval by the Mayor or its approval over his or her veto.