

HB 5047 by Wilson

This bill would allow a city to annex an area within an ESD, take voter approved sales tax revenue away from the ESD, and leave the ESD responsible for providing service without the necessary resources.

ESD sales taxes, unlike the City general sales tax, must be approved by the voters and must be dedicated to emergency services. This bill would thwart the will of the voters.

This bill would result in double property taxation within the annexed area and strip sales tax revenue away from emergency services and first responders despite voters dedicating the sales tax for those purposes.

This would cause a reduction in the quality of response that ESDs can provide by unilaterally reducing revenues.

Over 1/3 of ESDs rely on the current sales and use tax system to meet service demands.