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HOUSE BILL 497

Short Title: Hickory Local Option Sales Tax. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Adams.

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Referred to: State and Local Government, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A MUNICIPAL ONE-QUARTER PERCENT  
3 SALES AND USE TAX.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Subchapter VIII of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes is amended by  
6 adding a new Article to read:

7 "Article 47.

8 "First One-Quarter Cent (1/4¢) Municipal Sales and Use Tax.

9 "**§ 105-540. Short title.**

10 This Article is the First One-Quarter Cent (1/4¢) Municipal Sales and Use Tax Act.

11 "**§ 105-541. Levy.**

12 (a) Authority. – If the majority of those voting in a referendum held pursuant to this  
13 Article vote for the levy of the tax, the governing body of the municipality may, by resolution  
14 and after 10 days' public notice, levy a local sales and use tax at a rate of one-quarter percent  
15 (1/4%) in addition to any other State and local sales and use taxes levied pursuant to law.

16 (b) Vote. – The governing body of the municipality may direct the county board of  
17 elections to conduct an advisory referendum on the question of whether to levy a local sales and  
18 use tax in the municipality as provided in this Article. The election shall be held on a date jointly  
19 agreed upon by the governing body of the municipality and the county board of elections and  
20 shall be held in accordance with the procedures of G.S. 163-287.

21 (c) Ballot Question. – The form of the question to be presented on a ballot for a special  
22 election concerning the levy of the tax authorized by this Article shall be:

23 " FOR  AGAINST

24 Local sales and use tax at the rate of one-quarter percent (1/4%) in addition to all  
25 other State and local sales and use taxes for the purposes of public safety, economic development,  
26 and public facilities."

27 "**§ 105-542. Administration.**

28 Except as provided in this Article, the adoption, levy, collection, administration, and repeal  
29 of the additional taxes authorized by this Article shall be in accordance with Article 39 of this  
30 Chapter. References to "county," "counties," or "board of county commissioners" within Article  
31 39 of this Chapter shall be interpreted as referring to "municipality," "municipalities," or  
32 "governing body of the municipality," respectively, for purposes of the tax authorized by this  
33 Article. G.S. 105-468.1 is an administrative provision that applies to this Article. A tax levied  
34 under this Article does not apply to the sales price of food that is exempt from tax pursuant to



1 G.S. 105-164.13B or to the sales price of a bundled transaction taxable pursuant to  
2 G.S. 105-467(a)(5a).

3 **"§ 105-543. Distribution and use.**

4 (a) Distribution. – The Secretary shall, on a monthly basis, distribute to each taxing  
5 municipality for which the Secretary collects the tax the net proceeds, as defined in G.S. 105-472,  
6 of the tax collected in that municipality under this Article. If the Secretary collects local sales or  
7 use taxes in a month and the taxes cannot be identified as being attributable to a particular taxing  
8 municipality, the Secretary shall allocate the taxes among the taxing municipalities in proportion  
9 to the amount of taxes collected in each municipality under this Article during that month and  
10 shall include them in the monthly distribution. Amounts collected by electronic funds transfer  
11 payments are included in the distribution for the month in which the return that applies to the  
12 payment is received.

13 (b) Use. – A municipality may use the net proceeds of a tax levied under this Article for  
14 the purposes of public safety, economic development, and public facilities."

15 **SECTION 2.** This act applies to the City of Hickory only.

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