

Davisson votes to override veto Legislators Pass a Solution

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Rep. Steve Davisson (R-Salem) voted to override Gov. Pence's veto of House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1546. Elected Representatives returned to the Statehouse on Wednesday, as provided for in House Concurrent Resolution 60, for the First Regular Technical Session to address the most cost-effective solution for Hoosier taxpayers by overriding the veto of HEA 1546. This is the first time the legislature has convened on technical corrections day since legislation was passed in 1995 allowing for the General Assembly to convene to address technical corrections and to override vetoes.

"Today, the legislature was able to make a big difference for Jackson County by providing a legitimate solution to an oversight with Local Option Income Taxes. I was able to work with county officials while this legislation was crafted during session and have supported it since the first vote. Jackson County was in urgent need of this fix, and overriding the Governor's veto on HEA 1546 was necessary to do what is best for our community," said Rep. Davisson.

HEA 1546 passed unanimously out of the House and with only one dissenting vote in the Senate.

The bill addresses a number of tax issues, most notably the LOIT for Jackson and Pulaski counties, as well as providing benefits for surviving spouses of deceased veterans and making it easier for an out-of-state business to help with disaster emergency relief here in Indiana.

Local officials from Jackson and Pulaski Counties came to the Statehouse to encourage the General Assembly override the veto.

"On behalf of County Commissioners, we appreciate the urgency that the General Assembly is placing on this issue. The funding is a vital need for our communities, and it was a necessity that this matter be solved," said Larry L. Brady, Pulaski County Commissioner.

If the General Assembly did not reconvene to address this bill, the veto would have required over 1,000 employers in the two counties to make mid-year adjustments to their payrolls, affecting over 20,000 employees. In addition, since the two counties need to pay for the ongoing costs of operating the jail, losing funding could put jail operations in jeopardy.

Rep. Davisson represents parts of Washington, Orange, Lawrence, Jackson, Clark and Harrison Counties. He serves as the Vice-Chairman of Public Health and as a member of Veterans Affairs and Public Safety and Agriculture and Rural Development.