

1 AN ACT
2 relating to combined municipal sales tax ballot propositions.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Chapter 321, Tax Code, is amended by
5 adding Section 321.409 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 321.409. COMBINED MUNICIPAL SALES TAX BALLOT
7 PROPOSITIONS. (a) Notwithstanding any provisions of this code or
8 other state law, a municipality may by a combined ballot
9 proposition lower or repeal any dedicated or special purpose
10 municipal sales tax, including the additional sales tax for
11 property tax relief, and by the same proposition raise or adopt any
12 other dedicated or special purpose municipal sales tax, including
13 the additional sales tax for property tax relief.

14 (b) A combined sales tax proposition under this section
15 shall contain substantially the same language, if any, required by
16 law for the lowering, repealing, raising, or adopting of each tax as
17 appropriate.

18 (c) A negative vote on a combined sales tax proposition
19 under this section shall have no effect on either the sales tax to
20 be lowered or repealed by the proposition or the sales tax to be
21 raised or adopted by the proposition.

22 (d) This section does not apply to sales tax elections
23 called by any method other than by the governing body.

24 (e) This section shall not be construed to change the

1 substantive law of any sales tax, including the allowed maximum
2 rate or combined rate of local sales taxes.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

David Newkum

President of the Senate

Jim Coakley

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3195 was passed by the House on May 9, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3195 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0

Patricia Saw
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 18 JUNE '05

Date

Rick Perry

Governor

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Secretary of State