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**H 438. HOKE COUNTY LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX.** Filed 2/28/07. *TO AUTHORIZE HOKE COUNTY TO LEVY A ONE-HALF CENT LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY PURPOSES.*

Adds a new Article 46 (Fourth One-Half Cent Local Government Sales and Use Tax Act) to GS Chapter 105 to authorize the Hoke County Board of Commissioners to levy a one-half cent sales and use tax in addition to the existing 2½ cents of local sales taxes under GS Chapter 105, Articles 39, 40, 42, and 44. The commissioners may levy the tax (1) if a special election is held and a majority of voters approve the levy of the taxes; or (2) if the question of whether to levy the taxes has not been defeated in the county within two years, by resolution, after giving at least ten days' public notice and holding a public hearing on the issue. Levy, collection, and administration of the tax are governed by GS Chapter 105, Article 39, except that the tax does not apply to food. The tax proceeds will be distributed to the taxing county on a point-of-origin basis and may be used for public school capital outlay purposes and to retire county indebtedness for that purpose. Provides that funds are to increase spending for public school capital outlay and not supplant funds. The tax does not apply to construction contracts entered into, awarded, or bid before the effective date of its levy.

**Intro. by Yongue, Pierce.**

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