

Subject Carlton County; local sales tax authority

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Overview

Allows Carlton County to impose a 0.5 percent local sales tax to fund the construction of a new law enforcement center and jail that services a regional female offender program. If approved by the voters, the county may raise up to \$40 million, plus bond costs. The tax will expire at the earlier of: (1) 20 years; or (2) when the necessary amounts are raised for the approved project.

Summary

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1	Carlton County; local sales and use tax authorized.
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Subd. 1. Sales and use tax authorization. Allows Carlton County to impose a local sales and use tax of 0.5 percent if approved at a general election within two years of the authority being granted.

Subd. 2. Use of sales and use tax revenues. Allows the county to use the tax revenues to fund the construction of a law enforcement center and jail.

Subd. 3. Bonding authority. Allows the county to bond for any project listed in subdivision 2 if the tax is approved by voters. The amount of bonds that may be issued for the project is \$40 million plus capitalized interest and an amount needed to cover the cost of issuing the bonds. Issuance of the bonds is not subject to a separate vote and the bonds are not included in any debt or levy limits.

Subd. 4. Termination of taxes. The tax terminates at the earlier of: (1) 20 years after being imposed; or (2) when revenues are sufficient to pay for the approved project and any associated bond costs, subject to the requirements that the termination occurs at the start of a calendar quarter. Any excess revenue related to the timing of the termination goes into either the state or county general fund. The county may, by ordinance, terminate the tax early.



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