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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1287

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to taxation; local sales taxes; modifying allowed expenditures regarding  
1.3 imposition; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 297A.99, subdivision 1.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 297A.99, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Authorization; scope.** (a) A political subdivision of this state may  
1.7 impose a general sales tax (1) under section 297A.992, (2) under section 297A.993, (3) if  
1.8 permitted by special law, or (4) if the political subdivision enacted and imposed the tax  
1.9 before January 1, 1982, and its predecessor provision.

1.10 (b) This section governs the imposition of a general sales tax by the political  
1.11 subdivision. The provisions of this section preempt the provisions of any special law:

1.12 (1) enacted before June 2, 1997, or

1.13 (2) enacted on or after June 2, 1997, that does not explicitly exempt the special law  
1.14 provision from this section's rules by reference.

1.15 (c) This section does not apply to or preempt a sales tax on motor vehicles or a  
1.16 special excise tax on motor vehicles.

1.17 (d) A political subdivision may not advertise or expend funds for the promotion of a  
1.18 referendum to support imposing a local option sales tax.

1.19 (e) Notwithstanding paragraph (d), a political subdivision may only expend funds to:

1.20 (1) conduct the referendum;

1.21 (2) disseminate information included in the resolution adopted under subdivision 2;

1.22 (3) provide notice of, and conduct public forums at which proponents and opponents  
1.23 on the merits of the referendum are given equal time to express their opinions on the  
1.24 merits of the referendum;

2.1 (4) provide objective facts and data on the impact of the proposed sales tax on  
2.2 consumer purchases; and

2.3 (5) provide objective facts and data related to the programs and projects to be funded  
2.4 with the sales tax.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.