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TENNESSEE LOCAL SALES TAX DATA SUMMARY (Prepared by MTAS as of Nov. 5, 1980)

Of eight referenda (two city-only and six county-wide) conducted in conjunction with the Nov. 4 general election, only two were successful (City of Springfield and Houston County). Carroll County has scheduled a referendum Nov. 20 and Dyer County and Lynchburg voters will go to the polls in January 1981.

Based on population figures used for distribution of state-shared taxes in 1979-80:

98.9 per cent (2,556,363) of all persons living in incorporated areas in Tennessee are covered by a local sales tax.

98.7 per cent (3,871,691) of all persons living in Tennessee are residents of an area levying a local sales tax.

One municipality in Tennessee is levying no local sales tax nor is it located in a county which levies such a tax:

City

Population

Oak Ridge

28,319 (1.1 per cent of state total)

One county in Tennessee is levying no local sales tax, although in that county there are municipal-only sales taxes:

County

Population (less population of cities levying a city-only local sales tax)

Anderson

51,996 (1.3 per cent of state total)

Local Sales Tax Rates (by number of counties):

- 1% - 9
- 1 1/2% - 49
- 1 3/4% - 7
- 2% - 10
- 2 1/4% - 19

Local Sales Tax Rates (city-only/above county rate or city-only/no county tax):

- 1/2% - 1 (Tullahoma)
- 3/4% - 3 (Watauga, Huntingdon and Springfield)
- 1 1/2% - 1 (Norris)
- 2% - 1 (Clinton)
- 2 1/4% - 1 (Lake City)

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