

Measure 17.74

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY INITIATIVE PETITION

CAPTION: Four-Year Deputies, Prosecution, Treatment and Jail Beds Tax

QUESTION: Shall County levy \$1.42 per \$1,000 assessed valuation for Deputies, Prosecution, Treatment, Jail Beds for four years beginning 2017-2018? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this levy will be a \$1.42 per \$1,000 assessed valuation increase in real property taxes to pay for enhanced law enforcement purposes (including overhead). A five-person citizen oversight committee would ensure that monies are spent only “for law enforcement purposes”. The Oversight Committee would be appointed by the County Budget Committee.

“Law Enforcement Purposes” are:

- Increase the number of patrol deputies to suppress criminal activity;
- Increase the number of deputies to enforce protective orders;
- Reduce deputy response times for incidents;
- Increase recording of responses to citizen incidents;
- Increase the number of detectives investigating crimes;
- Increase prosecution resources to reduce plea bargains and deter repeat offenders;
- Enhance treatment programs for those likely to benefit;
- Enhance probation services;
- Increase juvenile justice services;
- Provide more jail beds to narrow the “revolving door” criminals have historically enjoyed.

Any monies that come in from Federal Timber payments or from the Secure Rural Schools Fund for law enforcement purposes would remain dedicated for those purposes.

The amount of tax to be raised by this measure in 2017-2018 is approximately \$10,150,700, in 2018-2019 - \$10,455,300, in 2019-2020 - \$10,768,900, in 2020-2021 - \$11,092,000. The tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the County Assessor at the time of the estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rates.