

Legislation Committee Report - Tax Administration Motion

The Legislation Committee met on Monday, November 22, 2010, where it heard a presentation from Commissioner of the Revenue Ingrid Morroy and Deputy Commissioner of the Revenue Ann Bisson. The Committee had had referred to it a resolution offered by Committee Chairman at the November 9, 2010, Civic Federation meeting relating to legislation regarding local tax administration. After discussion, the Committee voted 8-0 to recommend that the Federation adopt a resolution in favor of legislation to allow local revenue collectors (such as Arlington's Commissioner of the Revenue) to administer specified registration and tax assessment functions currently conducted by the State of Virginia.

The Committee Chairman was directed to finalize the wording of the resolution in a manner consistent with the deliberations at the meeting. Committee member Barbara Olivere was authorized to present the Committee's report to the Federation.

Present for the meeting were: Peter Owen (chair), Barbara Olivere, Robert Atkins, Jerry Auten, Tom Connally, Peg Hogan, Conor Marshall, and Stuart Raphael.

The motion for resolution is proposed as follows:

Whereas, an efficient, accurate and taxpayer-friendly tax assessment, collection and accounting system is in the interest of Arlingtonians and Virginians,

Whereas, the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia has proposed certain changes to Virginia tax administration to create more efficient, accurate and customer friendly tax assessment and collections,

Whereas, the Association's proposals would allow local tax administrators to provide "one-stop" services for certain local businesses, and would be able to more promptly and accurately assess sales and other taxes from certain local businesses, and

Whereas, "local" tax administration addressed by the Association's proposals would in Arlington County be administered by the office of the Commissioner of Revenue,

Be it therefore Resolved that the Arlington County Civic Federation supports legislation allowing local registration for state and local business taxes, local monitoring of the local option portion of the state sales and use tax, local/state tax audit partnership for the meals tax, and local registration and monitoring of businesses that are subject to the licensing laws of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.