

**House State and Local Government Committee**  
**House Bill 487 Sponsor Testimony**  
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**Rep Green:**

Thank you Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chair Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the House State and Local Government Committee for the opportunity to testify on behalf of House Bill 487 alongside my joint sponsor, Representative West.

This proposed legislation seeks to extend the amount of time in which a list of forfeited lands must be maintained and offered for sale by County auditors from one up to six years.

The legislation also changes the location in which the sale must be conducted from the courthouse to any location deemed appropriate by the County Auditor.

As part of this legislation, the County Auditor is no longer required to offer each tract of land separately, beginning with the first tract contained in the list. I will now give the floor to my joint sponsor to explain the benefits of this bill.

**Rep. West:**

Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chair Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the House State and Local Government Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of House Bill 487.

As my colleague mentioned, this legislation gives county auditors a little more freedom in terms of time, and location of forfeited land sales. The extension of time in which County Auditors must maintain this list creates a greater opportunity for Auditors to determine the best offer for the sale of property.

Additionally, lifting the location requirements currently in code facilitates sale, and allows for more discretion as to how and where sales are conducted.

Again, thank for your time. We would like to open the floor to any questions you may have.