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The next amendment, Amendment 2, would tighten rules on lobbyist gifts and campaign contribution limits, while partly reversing a new redistricting process approved by voters in 2018. Amendment 3 would take the process of redrawing Missouri’s political districts away from a nonpartisan demographer nominated by the state auditor, and return that process to bipartisan commissions made of an equal number of Republicans and Democrats. It also changes redistricting criteria to prioritize compact districts built around existing communities.

Local tax issue

Locally, residents of the Warrenton Fire Protection District are once again being asked to consider a half-cent sales tax to help fund the fire district. The district is in return half of its sales tax revenue to voters in the form of a property tax reduction the following year. District officials estimate the sales tax would generate $900,000 in a 12-month period, meaning a $400,000 reduction in district-wide property taxes the following year.

For individual homeowners, the tax reduction would be about $28 on a $100,000 home.

On the other hand, local residents would be paying a little more in sales taxes whenever they go to the store. So how does the extra sales tax balance against the property tax reduction? To pay an extra $28 to the half-cent tax, you would have to spend $5,600 (pre-tax) on groceries or other retail goods.

Where to vote

Below are the voting precincts and polling places in Warren County: Concord Hill — St. Ignatius School Dutzow — Marthasville Fire Station 3 in Dutzow North Elkhorn — Lions Hickory Grove North/ Hickory Grove South — Wright City Lions Club Holstein/Smith Creek — Immanuel United Church of Christ base- ment Hopewell — American Legion Hall, South High- way 47 Innsbrook — Innsbrook Village Hall Lake Sherwood — New Melle Fire District Station 3 Lakeview Estates Clubhouse — facility at Lakeview mobile home park Mathiasville East and Southwest Wards — Mathiasville City Hall Pendleton — Warrenton Fire District Station 3 in Pendleton Truecald — Truecald City Hall Walnut Grove — Oak Grove Baptist Church Warrenton Ward 1 — Warrenton Baptist Church Warrenton Ward 2 — Friedens United Church of Christ basement Warrenton Ward 3 — College Methodist Church educational building

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been vacated for two years, collecting dust and the plan is to convert the structure into an affordable housing complex. "We want to return this building to its original use as an age-restricted community," she said. "Giving it new life is a powerful way to bring artists to the community," she said. "It’s a great opportunity to create something that will be valuable for future generations."