

Senator Brandon Creighton continues the "State of Texas Legislature" 44 year tradition of insulting the intelligence of the People regarding the "Abolition of Property Tax."

I quote below an email from Senator Creighton¹ I received on Thursday 5/14/2015 and I inject my comments after each paragraph in red:

Ron:

That collective gasp you hear is the sound of sticker shock as homeowners across Texas open up their new property tax bills. Assessments are up at staggering rates, including an average of 15 percent in Houston, 11 percent in Austin, 11 percent in San Antonio and nine percent in Dallas. Homeowners are being gouged for more and more every year, and we believe enough is enough.

Senator Creighton has not heard from my area of Seguin, Texas where unlawful property tax appraisals went up 450% and actual estimated tax payments were doubled without factoring in the new rising property tax rates. Enough is enough! Who is the Senator kidding? From the Senator's summation of their legislation it is obvious that they believe we can't get enough plundering and pillaging.

The *Texas Senate* has taken strong action to help property owners, who are shouldering an unfair, disproportionate amount of the overall tax burden. The Senate has approved *SJR 1*, *SB 1*, and *SB 1760* that together provide \$2 billion in immediate, meaningful, and lasting property tax relief.

Senator Creighton calls unconstitutional property taxes "an unfair, disproportionate amount of the overall tax burden." What? Article 8 Section 1-e of the Texas Constitution says "**ABOLITION OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES. No State ad valorem taxes shall be levied upon any property within this State.**" In 1968 the people of Texas abolished property taxes! So 47 years later "Senator Creighton" thinks the "*Texas Senate* has taken strong action to help property owners," realize "\$2 billion in immediate, meaningful, and lasting property tax relief!" Apparently Creighton and the State Senate haven't heard about Article 8 Section 1-e. **We don't owe any property taxes jerks!** And if we paid one cent we paid it unlawfully and under duress. They can take SJR 1 and SB 1 and SB 1760 and shove'em where the sun don't shine!

SJR 1 and SB 1 raise the homestead exemption – which has not been increased since 1997 – to 25 percent of the state's median home value. That means as home values rise, so will savings for taxpayers. The average homeowner would save \$207 in 2016, and that savings is projected to increase to \$235 in 2017. Texas homeowners need this relief now, and that is why SJR 1 will go before voters on the Constitutional Amendment election ballot in August, allowing homeowners to realize savings starting in 2016.

Damn! That's so benevolent of them to give us a \$207 break in 2016 and raise it by a whole whopping \$28 in 2017! Now that's what I call magnanimous beyond all

¹ <http://us10.campaign-archive2.com/?u=97acf22aca6983d50d142ba88&id=a9220f6e95&e=fa098dcfc5>

expectations! We don't owe any property taxes at all, but the Senate will lower them by \$28 in 2017! These guys just can't hear the screams of the people and they continue to con the people with these ignorant PR campaigns year after year. And to get this fantastic property tax relief we so desperately don't owe, we can go vote for another constitutional amendment to reduce those unconstitutional property taxes by \$28 in 2017! Now that's how I spell relief - BSJR 1!

They also deserve to know that this savings won't evaporate in the face of rising property taxes. To address this concern, the Senate approved SB 1760, putting downward pressure on property taxes. It reforms the way property taxes are set and requires a 60-percent supermajority vote of the governing body in order to raise property taxes. It requires taxing authorities to justify the reason for attempting to increase tax rates on election notices and in actual ballot language, rather than simply publishing the new tax rate.

How does Senator Creighton know what we deserve when he and his colleagues ignore the law and write legislation that reduces unconstitutional property taxes instead of severely punishing all those who assess, levy and collect them? I tell you what evaporated! The Constitution of Texas evaporated and the criminals in the State Capitol don't give a damn about it. I tell you what put "downward pressure on property taxes:" ARTICLE 8 SECTION 1-e!!!! Who is Creighton kidding? Do you really think it's hard for those elected by the fat-cats in your area to obtain 60% of the governing body to vote for a property tax rate increase? Most of the time in my area they obtain 100%. And that's on unconstitutional taxes! Oh yeah, justification of an unconstitutional property tax hike is really hard to do! They do it all the time stupid! And now all they will need to do is print those lies on the ballot, as if that was hard to do! These legislators should go into comedy, not law writing. Where to hell have they been living anyway?

The Senate's plan to increase the homestead exemption would ensure that 100 percent of this relief goes to homeowners. In contrast, businesses pay 41 percent of the sales tax, so less than 60 percent of a flat sales tax reduction would benefit average Texans.

I am sorry but I am just not excited over an increase in a homestead property tax exemption on property that I should not be paying one damn cent on! Why are these congressional morons talking about a reduction in lawful sales taxes! Why not raise the lawful taxes to offset the unconstitutional ad valorem property taxes! I got an idea! Why not pass legislation that imposes an automatic 50 year prison term, without parole, for any public office holder who levies an ad valorem property tax, of any amount, on any property in Texas! Now that's what I would call lasting property tax relief that would not evaporate.

The Legislature must do its part to provide Texans with property tax relief and property tax reform. Now that these bills have passed the Senate, the finish line is within sight. These proposals need to reach **Governor Abbott**'s desk. Texas homeowners need to know that help is on the way.

What in the hell are these so-called "legislators" talking about? We don't want property tax relief and we don't want any more stupid property tax reform! Can they not hear us screaming from the Constitution? The people of Texas have spoken already **THERE AIN'T GOING TO BE ANY MORE STATE AD VALOREM PROPERTY**

TAXES ON ANY PROPERTY IN TEXAS! All ad valorem property taxes are State Taxes as they are raised to support a state function and they are levied by a subdivision of the State and no subdivision of the State can have more power than the State.

Senator Cretin and his colleagues don't have any "finish line" in sight! They have an eternal unconstitutional ad valorem property tax in sight that they are going to continue to ram down our throats with stupid worthless sickening PR campaigns. I really don't give a crap if they pass or if Governor Abbott signs any of those stupid bills. I am also sick of being called a "taxpayer" and a "homeowner." I am a Texas Citizen that is entitled to protection under the Texas Constitution of 1876. And why tease me by calling me a "homeowner" when I am really a *tenant* in the eyes of the state legislature under these stupid laws they are passing? **Stop it already!**

Senators Jane Nelson, Robert Nichols, Carlos Uresti, Brandon Creighton, and Paul Bettencourt have been asked by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick to negotiate tax policy with the Texas House."

Well that's a big relief knowing these guys are hot on the trail of running their continual property tax scam through the Texas House. Negotiate tax police! Is it not obvious to all that they don't know anything about tax policy in the Texas Constitution. They should all be sent home for further reading and study before allowed to play with bill writing and voting buttons in the Capitol.

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