

Response to Passage of SB 1760 "Property Tax Relief:"

Just as I had predicted all "property tax relief" legislation is nothing more than a sham to deceive the people into thinking their will is being done in the Austin Capitol. See their [great press release at Capitol Update](#).

Let's take their "highlights of the bill" and describe them in terms of real law:

1. Taxpayers (tenants that own no property) due a refund of some of their unconstitutional ad valorem property taxes because of over-payment will no longer be required to apply to receive it. Isn't that swell Jane! God I feel so much better now!
2. It provides interest rate equality for taxpayers (property-less slaves) by increasing the interest rate on refunds due to taxpayers (tenants) to 9.5%. Notice there are no attorneys fees recovered here that are charged against the tenants when they fail to pay all their unconstitutional ad valorem property tax. Now that's what I call fixing the problem of unconstitutional ad valorem property taxes in violation of Article 8 Section 1-e!
3. It requires local taxing entities (applies to school districts and all other taxing jurisdictions, or subdivisions of the State) to justify the necessity of an increase in your unconstitutional ad valorem property taxes in violation of Article 8 Section 1-e on notices and election ballots. Now that's what I call putting up a real hurdle for criminal taxation! Ink is so hard to come by today. An extra sentence or two will really put the brakes on unconstitutional property tax increases!
4. It allows a court hearing on appraisal disputes to give preference to the testimony of an independent licensed appraiser. That is so damned benevolent of these slave masters especially since all attempts by citizens to sue the State for unconstitutional ad valorem property taxes are dismissed without trial on bogus and inapplicable rules of judicial precedent like the "Unique Injury Rule" where one must show they have been injured differently than all their peers to avoid dismissal in violation of Article 1 Section 13 and several other Article 1 provisions. You are not permitted to challenge the constitutionality of the ad valorem property taxes but you can have a hearing to adjust the amount of unconstitutional taxes you will pay. Now that's what I call judicious thinking on the part of these legislators and judges! This is not to be left to the ordinary mind on the street.
5. And, it requires the Texas Comptroller to compile and annually publish a ranked list of tax rates by entity; deterring tax rate increases of your unconstitutional ad valorem property taxes. Boy! That should really put the fear in government entities and keep them from jacking up your unconstitutional taxes! I can hear their knees knocking together now!

Oh but that's not all folks!

You can sleep good tonight knowing that an amendment was added by Senator Paul Bettencourt requiring a local government have a 60% vote of the governing body instead of the current 50% if they wish to increase your unconstitutional ad valorem property

taxes. You know it is so hard to get criminals in government to agree to jack up the unconstitutional taxes on the slaves. This will surely bring lawful constitutional taxation to Texas!

Lt. Governor Dan Patrick:

Turns out Lt. Governor Dan Patrick wrote this press release and was quoted as saying: "SB 1760 delivers true tax relief for Texas homeowners by placing a downward pressure on the oppressive growth of property taxes through transparency."

TRANSPARENCY! What? Is it transparent to levy an ad valorem property tax on any property in Texas in direct violation of Article 1 Section 1-e and thereby confiscate all the property of the people making them tenants in their own homes and businesses and then provide a few little means of adjusting the unconstitutional rent?

"Sen. Creighton's bill gives homeowners the ability to hold local government accountable for the demands they place on taxpayers," concluded Patrick. "SB 1760 is another step in an overall plan to reduce property taxes for homeowners and businesses. In March, the Senate passed with bipartisan support to double the homestead exemption for homeowners to over \$30,000 a year. I applaud the Senators for making sure homeowners across the state receive the tax relief Texans deserve."

HOLD LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE! None of these lame measures will do one damn thing to slow or stop unconstitutional ad valorem property taxes! Local government will not be accountable when they are allowed to violate the constitutional law.

REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES! Who said we wanted to *reduce* unconstitutional ad valorem property taxes? The word was ABOLISH! The people do not own property when the State and its subdivisions are permitted to charge an annual eternal rent to the real property owner, each individual. Without property ownership one cannot sustain their lives or liberties. We want our property back which the State does not and cannot own and charge a rent upon.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION! \$30,000 Exemption. Screw that! How about the constitutional exemption (prevention) of 100% as specified by Article 8 Section 1-e? These guys do not perceive of the difference between lawful government and tyranny and reflect the political understanding of the pre-Magna Charta period.

TAX RELIEF TEXANS DESERVE! Tax relief can only come from lawful taxation. Ad valorem property tax is not a tax at all but a confiscation of property from the people by the State. But we know that only the people can own the property and they alone create government for the protection of that property not the confiscation of same. And we know that the sole purpose of government is the protection of the property of each citizen consisting of their life, liberty and possessions. Therefore, lawful government cannot be funded by a means that harms, encumbers or threatens the ownership of property without destroying the very purpose of the government by its means of support which is absurd. Texans deserve to own their property once again as the State they made for their protection cannot, and has no right or obligation to do so.

Sen. Creighton Speaks of "LANDMARK LEGISLATION"

"SB 1760 levels the playing field for Texas taxpayers. Standing strong for taxpayer rights was a promise I made to the citizens of Senate District 4; and, I am thankful my Senate colleagues voted to pass this landmark legislation."

LANDMARK! Landmark would be following the law as written in the Texas Constitution.

LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD? I would call it leveling the people from sovereign owners to tenants and slaves by disregarding their will contained only in the Texas Constitution and no where else. And that says: "Art. 8 Sec. 1-e. ABOLITION OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES. No State ad valorem taxes shall be levied upon any property within this State." The people are denied their property and their right to have the courts correct the legislature's unconstitutional legislation. There is no "playing field" or hope when the people are deprived of property by the state and their ability to regain it by peaceful means via the courts.

How to Fund Government Lawfully:

Here's an IDEA on how to solve the difficult job of funding government straight from Attorney, Jim Carrey: "STOP BREAKING THE LAW ASSHOLE!"