

The Property Tax Scam Thrives on Bad Educations:

The property tax scam continues to grow unhampered aided by the phony deceptive attempts by government officials to fix the unconstitutional, unlawful feudal property system in Texas. Listen to the two contradictory statements by the Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick:

First he says this about the new ruling of the Texas Supreme Court:

"This week, the Texas Supreme Court confirmed what we already knew. Texas' school finance system, while imperfect, is constitutional.

As former chair of the Education Committee in the Senate, improving and reforming our education system, including addressing our financial system, has been a top priority. I have led many battles to improve education in Texas and I will continue to do so." (bolding added)

Then he says this about the pathetic public relations programs the Senate conducts all over the state to deceive the people into thinking that the government is doing something about property taxes:

"Senate Chairman Paul Bettencourt, and the Select Committee on Property Tax Reform and Relief, held a fifth interim hearing in Houston. Home and business owners from the surrounding area had the opportunity to express their concern over **skyrocketing property taxes** and recommend solutions. The Senate is focused on providing property tax relief in addition to what the Senate accomplished last session. **Lasting property tax relief continues to be a top priority for me.**" (bolding added)

First of all, Dan is lying. He didn't know the Supreme Court was going to rule that the school finance system was imperfect but constitutional. Most of the time with the same evidence on record provided by the school districts the high court has ruled the school finance system to be unconstitutional. This is a change from the last two rulings and there is nothing any different in terms of the evidence on file. It's just a scam and that's all there is to it folks. Pure and simple. And in fact, the high court has implied in at least two rulings on this matter that some other system must be found to fund public schools besides property taxes.

What kind of a court issues a ruling that says school finance is "not perfect but constitutional?" What to hell does that mean? It means that while the school finance system is as crooked and unlawful as it can get, they aren't going to rule it so or do a damn thing about it.

There is nothing to prevent the school finance system from being completely perfect according to the Texas Constitution. All state taxation in Texas is to be equal and uniform under Article 8 Section 1(a). Is that so damn hard to understand? This means Texas cannot levy an ad valorem property tax. The reason is because ad valorem property taxes cannot be equal and uniform when the population grows over one person. With over 35 million people we have over 35 million different property values. The only way to fund public schools is by an equal and uniform sales tax all over the State. This is perfect.

Further, Article 8 Section 1-e says that no state ad valorem property tax shall be levied on any property in this state. The School Districts are subdivisions of the State of Texas and it can have no power the State of Texas is denied. But the Supreme Court has ruled that this "abolition of ad valorem property taxes" only applied to state wide taxes not local taxes determined by local government setting local rates and local approval in bond elections. But their rulings based upon this deception results in a mandated violation of Article 8 Section 1(a). The rulings have said that when tax rates set locally approach the ceiling rate set by the state then the ad valorem property tax becomes a statewide tax which violates Article 8 Section 1-e. But this means the local areas must impose unequal and non-uniform taxation to avoid violating Article 8 Section 1-e. And this of course violates Article 8 Section 1(a). The high court mandates violation of one article to avoid the violation of another article. It's just corrupted thinking to protect corruption.

The solution, of course, is to stop imposing ad valorem property taxes on the property of the people. The state government has never kept its promise to deliver lasting property tax relief, and never will. The property tax system is set up on deception in the first place.

The whole reason the United States was established was to ensure religious freedom and to prevent the establishment of the feudal property system where the government or monarchy and lords owned the property and the surfs paid to use it and occupy it. This is where we are once again just as in the Middle ages. If public education was doing its job it could not support itself with property taxes. The people must be kept ignorant in order to sustain property taxes. So you can bet your sweet ___ that Dan Patrick and the Senate Select Committee on Property Tax Reform isn't going to do any thing about high property taxes.

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