

Fair Taxes Depend on Fair Collections

Blocking tax sales removes a fair tool and makes a difficult situation harder...and more expensive for taxpayers.



HB 1209 = HIGHER RATES FOR ALL

HB 1209 removes a tool for overdue tax collection. This means other taxpayers would have to pay more, to allow others to not pay for up to two years.

Rates go up on the people who play fair, to pay for the people who don't.

NOT FAIR

The argument is about needy homeowners, but the bill isn't limited to those who can't pay.

Anyone who decides to not pay taxes will get this break.

PROCESS PROBLEMS

Requires state agency to reconcile millions of records they don't even have. If/when there are errors, then what? Sue the state? Sue the county? Void the tax sale?

New bureaucracy and lack of accountability will cause more problems than solutions.

Many overdue account holders don't pay until their property gets published on the tax sale list.

Around 99% of properties listed for tax sale get settled, and never change hands.

Typically only walk-aways actually get sold, but the pressure is effective in collecting needed funds for county services.

REMOVING TAX SALE AS A TOOL ONLY ADDS TAXPAYER BURDEN

REJECT HB 1209



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