Commission on Property Tax AGENDA

Legislative Services Building - Hearing Room B Friday, March 15, 2024 1:00 PM

1:00 PM Call to Order

1:00 PM Remarks by Chair and Vice-Chair

1:10 PM The Commission will consider and vote on draft recommendations:

Assessments Group

- 1. When residential actual values increase/decrease over a certain percentage (based on the average increases/decreases over a period of time) in an assessment cycle, smooth residential assessments by adjusting the assessment rate to get to a target.
- 2. Gradually step down assessment rates for vacant land and nonresidential property, except oil & gas, to get to a target. Temporarily backfill local districts when the step down results in a certain percentage loss to the local district.

Taxpayer Relief Group

- 3. Create a system allowing residential and commercial property owners to opt for 12 monthly payments for property tax, while establishing a mechanism with the State Treasurer to manage cash flow for taxing districts impacted by taxpayer choices. Additionally, define the delinquency threshold for taxpayers opting for the 12-month payment plan for purposes of tax liens.
- 4. Study expanding the homestead exemption.
- 5. Study creating means-tested/income qualified relief for low or fixed income property owners.
- 6. Create a assessed value exemption for certain nonresidential properties.
- 7. Implement an adjustable cap on property tax increase that fluctuates based on a fixed variable.

8. Expand the property tax deferral program to all owners of residential property without a minimum limitation of percent increase of taxes in a given year with a limit on the maximum amount of tax that can be deferred.

Local Control Group

- 9. Participatory Taxation Once a government increases their expenses by a specific benchmark, then the public needs to be involved in the conversation.
- 10. Study implementation of a mechanism to separate school and local taxing jurisdiction assessments.

Other Draft Recommendations

- 11. Extend the provisions of SB23B-001 regarding assessment rate reductions and assessed value subtractions to apply in 2024.
- 12. Change the current method of determining property tax to base the tax on local district expenditures as a starting point rather than assessed value.

5:00 PM Adjourn

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