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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