



# Legislative UPDATE

*News on School Property Taxes*

**From State Senator Don White**

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## May 15 Ballot to Include Property Tax Question

**P**ennsylvanians will have the opportunity to make important choices about their school property taxes at the primary election on May 15.

As part of a law enacted last year, a referendum question will be included on the primary election ballot asking whether you favor increasing your school district's income tax rate in order to lower residential property taxes.

*Do you favor increasing  
local income taxes  
to reduce  
school property taxes?*

**PRIMARY BALLOT '07**

**EXPRESS YOUR OPINION**

## Property Tax Question Process

Local Tax Study Commission Recommends Tax and Rate

School Board Decides Tax and Rate For Referendum

Voters Approve or Disapprove Tax and Rate In Referendum

**IF APPROVED**

Homestead or Farmstead Property Tax Relief Provided

## Voters Will Decide

If voters approve the referendum question, the HIGHER income tax rate and the Homestead or Farmstead tax reduction will take effect in July.

Last year, a local tax study commission of your fellow taxpayers made a recommendation about what should be included in the referendum. In March, your school board approved a question as it will appear on the ballot.

Now, it is up to you to decide.

This ballot question is about allowing voters to make choices about their school tax systems. So, regardless of how you vote on the referendum question, please take the opportunity to make your choice.

**EXPRESS YOUR OPINION.**  
**Vote on May 15.**

### SENATE DISTRICT 41: SCHOOL DISTRICT ACT 1 BALLOT QUESTION, PROPOSED CHANGES

School District:	EIT:	PIT:	Homestead/Farmstead Reduction:
Allegheny-Clarion Valley	↑.4%		\$143
Apollo-Ridge	↑.8%		\$409
Armstrong	↑.6%		\$345
Blairsville-Saltsburg	↓.75%	↑ 1.5%	\$322
Butler Area	↑.8%		\$330
Clearfield Area	↑.5%		\$199
Curwensville	↑.5%		\$159
Dubois Area	↑.6%		\$292
Franklin Regional	↑ 1.0%		\$723
Freeport Area	↑.8%		\$492
Greensburg Salem	↑.5%		\$209
Harmony	↑.4%		\$102
Homer-Center	↓.9%	↑ 1.3%	\$225
Indiana	↑.7%		\$461
Karns City Area	↑.49%		\$154
Kiski Area	↑.7%		\$319
Ligonier Valley	↓.5%	↑.9%	\$246
Marion Center Area	↑.6%		\$241
Moniteau	↑.6%		\$248
Moshannon	↑.5%		\$267
Penns Manor	↑.4%		\$138
Punxsutawney	↑.5%		\$237
Purchase Line	↑.6%		\$191
Redbank Valley	↑.3%		\$100
South Butler County	↑.9%		\$395
United	↑.4%		\$156

EIT = Earned Income Tax PIT = Personal Income Tax

An EIT taxes only wages. The PIT includes interest, dividends and stock profits.

Information provided by county boards of elections.

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