



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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As a 70 year old Jackson County resident for all but 3 years, I am in favor of the language of HB 259. We need all the reduction available during this day of run away inflation due to overspending of the Federal government!!



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I am in support of HB259. I live in Unincorporated Jackson County. We receive absolutely zero services from the County. We need your help in Jackson County. They are raising our taxes at a rate as to where they are taxing us out of our houses. They say it's because of the value if we sold it, but what if we had no intention of selling. I am a disabled veteran, I have watched our taxes raise to the point to where it is now costing me 1/3 of my yearly income. And now they want to raise it 30% more. We can not afford this. With all the extra money they bring in from gambling, casinos, lottery and now the massive influx from the NFL Draft, they do not need to raise it. Please, we are begging you, pass HB259 and stop the rampant rape of homeowners by the out of control Jackson County. We are losing out homes because of them.



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During my lifetime I have heard of older people having to sell their homes because they can no longer pay their personal property taxes. I am now 68 years old and in a few years I'll be in that position. We built a home in 2012 and the taxes have doubled. We will no longer be able to stay in our dream home if the taxes continue to accelerate. We desperately need to curb the rise in taxes soon. I would rather have Missouri adopt the position that taxes will remain the same as when the property is purchased/built throughout ownership, but this bill is a beginning.



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My name is Daniel Franks elected Assessor of Howell County for 32 years and I feel I have the background and knowledge on this subject. The provisions "(b) Such county shall annually reduce the percentage of true value in money at which personal property is assessed under this subdivision such that the amount by which the revenue generated by taxes levied on such personal property is substantially equal to one hundred percent of the growth in revenue generated by real property assessment growth." cannot be accomplished as real property is not reassessed annually and the growth rates are not equitable between the two property types and most importantly **ASSESSORS DO NOT HANDLE TAXES!** Assessors do not control "growth in revenue" that is a function of each political subdivision and those elected board members when they set the levy for their entity. To attempt implementation of these provisions each political subdivision would be required to calculate their own assessment rate annually and then transmit that to whom? When they set levies in August the Assessor has lost control of the assessed values and cannot change anything so who will be responsible for these changes, the Clerk, the Collector, the County Commission, the State? The different assessment rates may at violate at least Article X Section 4(b) that states "The same percentage of value shall be applied to all properties within any subclass." and possibly others. If the purpose of this legislation is to reduce taxes on citizens it is the incorrect approach. The appropriate approach would be to control the levy setting process not the assessment process. One political subdivision is not required to roll tax levies back as required by the Hancock Amendment and have not since 1987. Please look into this as the proper method to control local taxation as it will put all political subdivisions under the same requirement again and will provide relief for citizens in the entire state. I agree the property tax issue needs to be revised but in the correct way with a great deal of thought and discussion by all the impacted agencies and offices over a period of time to determine the best solution for the people of this state. The citizens deserve the best, and collectively we can deliver much better than this proposal. I am one assessor that is willing to be a part of a better solution and I know there are many more that will join in a valid effort to fix this issue.



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I oppose this bill, which reduces personal property taxes for residents of Jackson county only. It's discriminatory and unfair to reduce taxes for only one community in Missouri by limiting the population affected to between 700,000 and 800,000 population. Why should taxes be reduced only for this community and not for others. This puts undue burden on other taxpayers to shoulder the load. It also potentially harms Jackson county by reducing revenues with no plan in place to make up for them.



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This bill narrowly focuses personal property tax reductions on residents of Jackson County only, with the between 700,000 and 800,000 population requirement. Why are we treating one county in Missouri different than any other and why would we reduce personal property taxes to unfairly benefit only these residents at the cost of the rest? There is no language in the bill for how Jackson County will make up for this lost revenue so this will put those residents at a disadvantage.



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