



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 1800</b>		DATE: <b>1/15/2026</b>
COMMITTEE: <b>Special Committee on Tax Reform</b>		
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We strongly support HB 1800 because it ensures fairness and transparency in Missouri's property tax system. This bill protects property owners from unintentional tax increases following reassessments by requiring local taxing authorities to adjust tax rates so that total revenue remains stable unless voters have explicitly approved an increase. By linking allowable revenue growth to clear, predictable factors like inflation and recent voter-approved measures, HB 1800 strikes a balanced approach that supports necessary funding for schools and local services without placing an unexpected burden on taxpayers.

Furthermore, HB 1800 enhances accountability and public oversight by mandating public hearings and state-level review of how tax rates are set. It strengthens legal protections for taxpayers, granting them the right to challenge improperly set tax rates and receive refunds if necessary. These reforms empower Missouri residents, uphold the principle of voter control over local taxation, and build trust in the decisions made by our local governments. For these reasons, I encourage the passage of HB 1800.



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Limiting the growth of property tax is needed to bring property owners relief from the skyrocketing assessment rates and inflation. We would also like to see a "truth in taxation" component, requiring that property owners be directly notified of any proposed tax increases to give the opportunity to respond.



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**MO Tax Relief Now and its 10,000 members fully support HB 1800. Government has become unaffordable. Tax increases are creating an inflationary environment that private industry payrolls can't match so the businesses and their employees paychecks can't keep up with their tax bills. This bill modifies the tax levy, which makes taxes more affordable:**

- (1) The Consumer Price Index; or**
- (2) The following percentages:**
  - (a) For tax levy revisions before January 1, 2027, 5%; or**
  - (b) For tax levy revisions on or after January 1, 2027, 3%.**



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**HB 1800 represents a quiet but consequential erosion of Missouri’s taxpayer protections under the Hancock Amendment.**

**This bill alters the inflationary growth factor in a way that normalizes automatic property tax increases without direct voter approval, shifting power from the people to taxing authorities through technical recalculation rather than transparent consent.**

**The Hancock Amendment was designed to prevent exactly this outcome — the gradual expansion of tax burdens through formulas that the average voter never sees, debates, or approves. HB 1800 undermines that safeguard by allowing inflation-based growth to be layered on top of reassessments, even when household incomes are stagnant or declining.**

**Using the Consumer Price Index as justification for higher property taxes ignores economic reality for many Missourians:**

- Retirees on fixed incomes**
- Rural landowners**
- Working families facing rising insurance, food, and energy costs**

**Inflation does not increase a resident’s ability to pay taxes. This bill treats it as though it does.**

**If taxing authorities require additional revenue, the Constitution already provides a lawful and transparent mechanism: ask the voters. HB 1800 instead relies on technical adjustments to extract more revenue without meaningful public accountability.**

**This legislation creates a permanent upward ratchet on property taxes, weakens voter oversight, and compounds reassessment shock across the state.**

**For these reasons, HB 1800 should be rejected.**