

LOCAL GOV'T REFORMS NECESSARY TO LOWER PROPERTY TAXES

THE BUCKEYE INSTITUTE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Require county commissioner approval to put levies on the ballot.
2. Limit local property tax breaks for corporations.
3. Allocate state tax dollars to critical local needs, such as public safety and infrastructure.
4. Share state tax dollars with local communities in dire need.
5. Expand shared services among local governments.
6. Incentivize resource sharing and consolidation.
7. Enhance spending transparency for better local accountability.



WHY IT MATTERS

Property taxes in Ohio have increased significantly, largely due to a complex local government structure of more than 3,900 taxing authorities. Reform is needed to lower property taxes.



EMPOWER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Requiring commissioners to approve all local levies—except school levies—to appear on the ballot will ensure a more comprehensive financial assessment for residents.

LIMIT CORPORATE PROPERTY TAX BREAKS

Too often government grants significant tax breaks to large corporations shifting the tax burdens to families and small businesses.

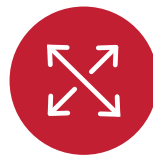


SPEND STATE TAX DOLLARS ON CRITICAL NEEDS

State policymakers should allocate funds to local governments for needs, such as infrastructure or crises.

SHARE STATE TAX DOLLARS WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN DIRE NEED

State tax dollars should be used for local governments that struggle to provide essential services due to limited tax bases.



EXPANDING SHARED SERVICES

Local governments can save costs and improve services by pooling resources.

CONSOLIDATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

Consolidating local governments reduces redundancies, enhances efficiency, and saves taxpayer dollars.



ENHANCING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

Link state funding to performance metrics to promote responsible governance and require local governments to post spending on OhioCheckbook.com to increase accountability and transparency.

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