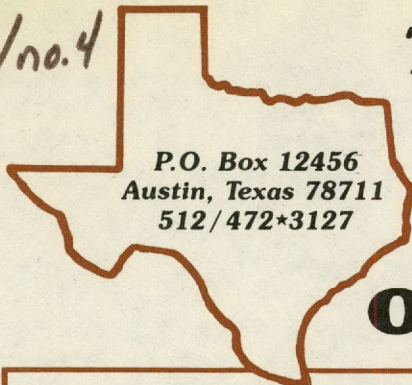


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### STATE SCHOOL AID LOSS CERTIFIED TO 314 DISTRICTS FOR CALCULATING SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX LIMIT

In HB 72 the legislature did not suspend the 8% increase rule for a rollback election, but modified it for two years to exclude the amount of state-aid loss certified by the Commissioner of Education. The amounts certified for 1986 are listed on pages 3-4 for 314 districts. The regular 8% limit applies for the other 749 school districts not listed.

In calculating the allowable tax increase, the certified amount must be used, not an estimate by local school officials. The 8% figure is increased to include a percentage necessary to equal the amount of loss certified. HB 72 authorized a second adjustment for districts raising tax rates to qualify for maximum enrichment equalization aid, and there may be a few districts still eligible for this adjustment.

While 314 districts were certified to receive \$102 million less state aid next year, the total for all districts in the state is up by \$2.4 million.

### TRUTH-IN-TAXATION LAW

All Texas local taxing jurisdictions are required by statute to calculate and to publish in a newspaper of wide distribution an "effective" tax rate that would produce the same property tax revenue as that levied in the previous year. If the governing body anticipates adopting a tax rate more than 3% higher than the rate calculated, it must comply with the truth-in-taxation provision. (Note: The limits do not apply to any taxes necessary for debt service on general obligation debt; a list of such bonds must be shown in the notice.)

--A quarter-page newspaper notice must be published showing the percentage increase in taxes proposed, the time and place of a public meeting to discuss the increase, and the names of members that voted for and against the proposal.

--After that public hearing, another quarter-page notice must be published showing the percentage tax increase anticipated and the time and place of a second meeting at which a vote will be taken on the new tax rate.

--If the rate adopted is more than 8% higher than the calculated "effective" tax rate, a petition signed by 10% of the qualified voters requires an election within 30 to 90 days to roll back the tax rate increase to the 8% limit. For school districts, the rollback applies to the following year. For other taxing jurisdictions, the rollback applies to the current year.

This 8% figure will be somewhat higher in the 314 districts with reduced state aid or in any district still eligible for more "equalization enrichment" state aid.

#### SPECIAL SESSION MAY CHANGE SCHOOL AID

The amount of state school aid may be changed by action of the legislature now in special session or in regular session next January. School districts must adopt budgets before the new school year begins on September 1, but the budget may be (and usually is) amended during the year. Once a district sets a tax rate, there is no statutory provision for change. Education Commissioner Kirby advised school officials to delay adopting a tax rate.

Despite these tax limitations, 807 school districts increased tax levies by more than 3% last year and 554 districts imposed increases of more than 8%. The calculation of an "effective" tax rate provides for a long list of adjustments. For example, the rate necessary for paying interest and principal on bonds is exempted, but is used in calculating the percentage increase. A school using a \$1 rate for maintenance plus 50¢ for debt service can increase taxes 12% instead 8%. The average increase in school tax levies last year was 13.3% (see Bench Marks for 1986-87 School District Budgets in Texas for details by individual school district.)

STATE-AID LOSS CERTIFIED BY EDUCATION COMMISSIONER  
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SCHOOL DISTRICT	STATE-AID LOSS	SCHOOL DISTRICT	STATE-AID LOSS	SCHOOL DISTRICT	STATE-AID LOSS
ANDREWS COUNTY		CRANE COUNTY		GUADALUPE COUNTY	
ANDREWS ISD	\$96,238	CRANE ISD	\$34,316	SEGUIN ISD	\$572,456
ARANSAS COUNTY		CROCKETT COUNTY		SCHERTZ-CIBOLO-UC.	209,820
ARANSAS COUNTY ISD	18,819	CROCKETT CO. CSD	4,080	HANSFORD COUNTY	
AUSTIN COUNTY		CULBERSON COUNTY		PRINGLE-MORSE ISD	579
WALLIS-ORCHARD	4,793	CULBERSON CO. ISD	84,594	HARDEMAN COUNTY	
BAILEY COUNTY		DALLAS COUNTY		CHILLICOTHE ISD	37,245
THREE WAY ISD	10,344	CARROLLTON FARMERS	2072,475	DUANAH ISD	92,018
BASTROP COUNTY		CEDAR HILL ISD	498,687	HARRIS COUNTY	
MCDADE ISD	8,393	DE SOTO ISD	80,899	ALDINE ISD	467,714
BASTROP ISD	326,632	HIGHLAND PARK ISD	210,967	CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS	1677,019
ELGIN ISD	88,384	IRVING ISD	936,197	DEER PARK ISD	301,638
BEXAR COUNTY		LANCASTER ISD	848,828	HOUSTON ISD	5001,026
ALAMO HEIGHTS ISD	414,955	MESQUITE ISD	217,088	HUMBLE ISD	1047,719
NORTH EAST ISD	3814,686	DAWSON COUNTY		KATY ISD	213,920
EAST CENTRAL ISD	438,962	DAWSON ISD	7,951	LA PORTE ISD	345,578
NORTHSIDE ISD	8094,627	KLONDIKE ISD	17,276	SPRING ISD	103,255
JUDSON ISD	1407,850	DENTON COUNTY		TOMBALL ISD	231,293
BORDEN COUNTY		DENTON ISD	484,542	HARRISON COUNTY	
BORDEN COUNTY ISD	6,976	PONDER ISD	12,592	MARSHALL ISD	407,012
BOSQUE COUNTY		SANGER ISD	73,816	HALLSVILLE ISD	36,671
IREDELL ISD	71,534	DEWITT COUNTY		ELYSIAN FIELDS ISD	88,675
KOPPERL ISD	111,104	MEYERSVILLE ISD	36,737	HARTLEY COUNTY	
CLIFTON ISD	399,834	DUVAL COUNTY		CHANNING ISD	308
MERIDIAN ISD	212,300	BENAVIDES ISD	40,298	HASKELL COUNTY	
MORGAN ISD	89,301	SAN DIEGO ISD	136,850	PAINT CREEK ISD	13,528
VALLEY MILLS ISD	238,366	EASTLAND COUNTY		HAYS COUNTY	
WALNUT SPRINGS ISD	86,760	EASTLAND ISD	115,084	DRIPPING SPRINGS	117,314
CRANFILLS GAP ISD	82,200	ELLIS COUNTY		HAYS CONS. ISD	711,682
BOWIE COUNTY		MIDLOTHIAN ISD	144,010	HEMPHILL COUNTY	
RED LICK ISD	9,797	RED OAK ISD	275,239	CANADIAN ISD	58,051
BRAZORIA COUNTY		WAXAHACHIE ISD	279,483	HENDERSON COUNTY	
ANGLETON ISD	96,315	EL PASO COUNTY		LA POYNOR ISD	16,331
BRAZOSPORT ISD	677,572	CLINT ISD	20,903	MURCHISON ISD	5,880
SWEENEY ISD	60,684	SAN ELIZARIO ISD	965	BROWNSBORO ISD	109,198
BRAZOS COUNTY		CANUTILLO ISD	31,845	CROSS ROADS ISD	5,825
COLLEGE STATION	77,706	SOCORRO ISD	274,997	MALAKOFF ISD	16,815
BREWSTER COUNTY		ERATH COUNTY		HIDALGO COUNTY	
TERLINGUA CSD	231	THREE WAY CSD	610	VALLEY VIEW ISD	3,054
BROOKS COUNTY		BLUFF DALE ISD	45,926	EDINBURG ISD	690,324
BROOKS ISD	314,174	MORGAN MILL ISD	20,390	LA JOYA ISD	20,158
CALHOUN COUNTY		STEPHENVILLE ISD	98,445	HOCKLEY COUNTY	
CALHOUN COUNTY ISD	102,608	FANNIN COUNTY		LEVELLAND ISD	154,197
CALLAHAN COUNTY		WINDOM ISD	95,395	SMYER ISD	9,370
CROSS PLAINS ISD	21,005	SAVOY ISD	316	SUNDOWN ISD	24,492
CLYDE ISD	59,847	TRENTON ISD	16,365	HOOD COUNTY	
CAMERON COUNTY		FAYETTE COUNTY		GRANBURY ISD	516,939
HARLINGEN ISD	266,547	ROUND TOP CARMINE	8,315	HOPKINS COUNTY	
POINT ISABEL ISD	321,776	FISHER COUNTY		MILLER GROVE ISD	10,043
SANTA MARIA ISD	11,149	HOBBS ISD	9,057	HOWARD COUNTY	
CARSON COUNTY		FLOYD COUNTY		FORSAN ISD	15,636
GROOM ISD	370	DOUGHERTY ISD	54	HUNT COUNTY	
WHITE DEER ISD	6,679	FORT BEND COUNTY		CAMPBELL ISD	2,824
CHAMBERS COUNTY		STAFFORD (CITY)	23,757	HUTCHINSON COUNTY	
BARBERS HILL ISD	59,310	NEEDVILLE ISD	40,875	PLEMONS ISD	137
COCHRAN COUNTY		FREESTONE COUNTY		PHILLIPS ISD	26,492
WHITEFACE ISD	17,948	DEW ISD	4,364	SPRING CREEK ISD	2,394
BLED SOE ISD	4,070	FAIRFIELD ISD	36,694	IRION COUNTY	
COKE COUNTY		TEAGUE ISD	14,253	IRION COUNTY ISD	15,397
ROBERT LEE ISD	9,593	GAINES COUNTY		JACKSON COUNTY	
COLEMAN COUNTY		SEMINOLE ISD	111,421	EDNA ISD	232,748
NOVICE ISD	13,377	LOOP ISD	4,947	JASPER COUNTY	
COLEMAN ISD	49,533	GALVESTON COUNTY		EVADALE ISD	22,281
COLLIN COUNTY		GALVESTON ISD	1577,353	JEFFERSON COUNTY	
LOVEJOY ISD	158,422	HIGH ISLAND ISD	69,129	SABINE PASS ISD	12,866
ALLEN ISD	773,766	TEXAS CITY ISD	607,705	JIM HOGG COUNTY	
CELINA ISD	104,545	FRIENDSWOOD ISD	40,730	JIM HOGG CO. ISD	52,661
FRISCO ISD	654,988	GARZA COUNTY		JIM WELLS COUNTY	
MCKINNEY ISD	1025,345	POST ISD	41,392	BEN BOLT-PALITO B.	7,181
PLANO ISD	5955,276	GLASSCOCK COUNTY		JOHNSON COUNTY	
PROSPER ISD	31,952	GLASSCOCK ISD	26,924	LIBERTY CHAPEL ISD	45,978
WYLIE ISD	314,711	GOLIAD COUNTY		BURLESON ISD	490,585
CONCHO COUNTY		GOLIAD ISD	94,588	CLEARBURNE ISD	334,862
EDEN ISD	49,955	GRAY COUNTY		GRANDVIEW ISD	20,717
COOKE COUNTY		GRANDVIEW-HOPKINS	150	JOGHUA ISD	204,875
SIVELLS BEND ISD	7,249	GRAYSON COUNTY		VIENUS ISD	20,293
GAINESVILLE ISD	12,816	S AND S CONS. ISD	26,410	GODLEY ISD	29,041
CALLISBURG ISD	32,669	WHITESBORO ISD	33,887	KAUFMAN COUNTY	
ERA ISD	46,356	GREGG COUNTY		CRANDALL ISD	21,014
LINDSAY ISD	58,085	WHITE OAK ISD	43,644	FORNEY ISD	13,673

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KENDALL COUNTY		NEWTON COUNTY		TAYLOR COUNTY	
BOERNE C/L ISD	\$317,014	DEWEYVILLE ISD	\$30,553	WYLIE ISD	\$36,633
KENEDY COUNTY		NOLAN COUNTY		TRENT ISD	16,018
KENEDY COUNTY WIDE	3,268	BLACKWELL ISD	19,680	TERRY COUNTY	
KENT COUNTY		NUECES COUNTY		UNION ISD	65,621
JAYTON-GIRARD ISD	4,642	PORT ARANSAS ISD	7,337	WELLMAN ISD	3,752
KERR COUNTY		SANTA CRUZ ISD	21,500	THROCKMORTON COUNTY	
HUNT ISD	2,451	ORANGE COUNTY		THROCKMORTON ISD	56,030
KING COUNTY		VIDOR ISD	106,376	TITUS COUNTY	
GUTHRIE CSD	3,449	PALO PINTO COUNTY		WINFIELD ISD	2,414
KINNEY COUNTY		PALO PINTO ISD	967	TRAVIS COUNTY	
BRACKETT ISD	28,214	GORDON ISD	2,058	LAKE TRAVIS ISD	6,247
KLEBERG COUNTY		PANDOLA COUNTY		AUSTIN ISD	15599,403
LAURELESS ISD	2,557	BECKVILLE ISD	94,318	PFLUGERVILLE ISD	1247,340
SANTA GERTRUDIS	5,676	CARTHAGE ISD	232,676	MANOR ISD	277,036
LAMAR COUNTY		PARKER COUNTY		EANES ISD	1291,863
PARIS ISD	96,305	GARNER ISD	13,026	DEL VALLE ISD	558,046
LAMB COUNTY		BROCK ISD	25,410	TYLER COUNTY	
SUDAN ISD	17,946	WEATHERFORD ISD	269,473	WARREN ISD	24,158
LAVACA COUNTY		MILLSAP ISD	5,485	UPSHUR COUNTY	
VYSEHRAD ISD	495	ALEDO ISD	231,445	UNION GROVE ISD	121,982
EZZELL ISD	6,812	PECOS COUNTY		UPTON COUNTY	
LEE COUNTY		BUENA VISTA ISD	15,610	MCCAMEY ISD	26,180
DIME BOX ISD	273	FT STOCKTON ISD	187,750	RANKIN ISD	120,368
LEON COUNTY		IRAAN-SHEFFIELD	20,340	VAL VERDE COUNTY	
LEON ISD	53,606	POLK COUNTY		JUNO CSD	1,078
LIBERTY COUNTY		BIG SANDY ISD	1,572	COMSTOCK ISD	10,515
DEVERS ISD	11,738	ONALASKA ISD	54,777	VAN ZANDT COUNTY	
LIMESTONE COUNTY		POTTER COUNTY		VAN ISD	124,263
GROESBECK ISD	796,107	HIGHLAND PARK ISD	9,850	VICTORIA COUNTY	
LIPSCOMB COUNTY		BUSHLAND ISD	52,593	MCFADDIN ISD	908
BOOKER ISD	18,430	RAINS COUNTY		BLOOMINGTON ISD	150,363
FOLLETT ISD	10,076	RAINS ISD	492,782	WEBB COUNTY	
DARRDZETT ISD	3,201	REAGAN COUNTY		WEBB CONS. ISD	2,868
LLANO COUNTY		REAGAN ISD	26,264	UNITED ISD	601,885
LLANO ISD	100,791	REAL COUNTY		WHARTON COUNTY	
MADISON COUNTY		LEAKEY ISD	6,838	BOLING ISD	32,860
MADISONVILLE ISD	33,606	REEVES COUNTY		WHEELER COUNTY	
NORTH ZULCH ISD	14,796	BALMORHEA ISD	33,552	LELA ISD	68,902
MARION COUNTY		REFUGIO COUNTY		MOBEETIE ISD	100,177
JEFFERSON ISD	6,996	AUSTWELL-TIVOLI	10,873	ALLISON ISD	6,016
MARTIN COUNTY		REFUGIO ISD	38,431	KELTON ISD	7,650
GRADY ISD	8,778	ROBERTS COUNTY		BRISCOE ISD	2,663
MASON COUNTY		MIAMI ISD	8,185	WILBARGER COUNTY	
MASON ISD	17,214	ROBERTSON COUNTY		VERNON ISD	200,555
MATAGORDA COUNTY		FRANKLIN ISD	26,815	WILLACY COUNTY	
TIDEHAVEN ISD	12,288	ROCKWALL COUNTY		RAYMONDVILLE ISD	77,546
PALACIOS ISD	59,731	ROCKWALL ISD	113,035	SAN PERLITA ISD	17,381
MCCULLOCH COUNTY		RUSK COUNTY		WILLIAMSON COUNTY	
ROCHELLE ISD	4,274	TATUM ISD	36,967	FLORENCE ISD	62,135
MCLENNAN COUNTY		SCURRY COUNTY		GEORGETOWN ISD	429,374
HALLSBURG ISD	6,189	SNYDER ISD	120,773	HUTTO ISD	21,039
MIDWAY ISD	142,183	IRA ISD	8,169	JARRELL ISD	26,136
BOSQUEVILLE ISD	31,518	SHACKELFORD COUNTY		LIBERTY HILL ISD	98,514
MCMULLEN COUNTY		MORAN ISD	99,576	ROUND ROCK ISD	6045,341
MCMULLEN ISD	6,290	SHELBY COUNTY		LEANDER ISD	1716,541
MEDINA COUNTY		JOAQUIN ISD	42,728	WINKLER COUNTY	
MEDINA VALLEY ISD	6,082	SHERMAN COUNTY		WINK-LOVING ISD	19,194
MIDLAND COUNTY		TEXHOMA ISD	24,113	WISE COUNTY	
GREENWOOD ISD	97,421	SMITH COUNTY		BOYD ISD	33,083
MILAM COUNTY		CHAPEL HILL ISD	164,478	BRIDGEPORT ISD	115,031
ROCKDALE ISD	50,782	SOMERVELL COUNTY		PARADISE ISD	40,767
THORNDALE ISD	70,411	GLEN ROSE ISD	12,540	WOOD COUNTY	
MITCHELL COUNTY		STERLING COUNTY		HAWKINS ISD	29,706
WESTBROOK ISD	5,788	STERLING CITY ISD	6,754	QUITMAN ISD	13,505
MONTAGUE COUNTY		STONEWALL COUNTY		YANTIS ISD	40,548
SAINT JO ISD	13,105	ASPERMONT ISD	8,375	YDAKUM COUNTY	
MONTGOMERY COUNTY		TARRANT COUNTY		DENVER CITY ISD	25,663
MONTGOMERY ISD	113,417	ARLINGTON ISD	4563,327	PLAINS ISD	19,974
WILLIS ISD	67,304	BIRDVILLE ISD	1149,785	ZAPATA COUNTY	
MOORE COUNTY		EVERMAN ISD	50,647	ZAPATA ISD	324,914
DUMAS ISD	227,262	GRAPEVINE ISD	330,457		
NACOGDOCHES COUNTY		KELLER ISD	1016,228		
ETOILE ISD	3,701	MANSFIELD ISD	1851,881		
GARRISON ISD	55,132	LAKE WORTH ISD	213,486		
NACOGDOCHES ISD	92,786	CROWLEY ISD	1078,925		
WODEN ISD	20,912	KENNEDALE ISD	217,344		
CENTRAL HEIGHTS	42,831	AZLE ISD	20,842		
		HURST-EULESS-B	2238,430		
		EAGLE MT-SAGINAW	1193,234		
		CARROLL ISD	248,480		
		WHITE SETTLEMENT	151,463		