

“All men are born equally free and independent, and have certain inherent and indefeasible rights, among which are those of enjoying life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing and protecting property and reputation, and of pursuing their own happiness.”

Article 1, Section 1 of the Pennsylvania Constitution

Representative Metcalfe serves as the Pennsylvania Caucus Chairman for Americans for Tax Reform (ATR). He also signed the ATR Taxpayer Protection Pledge and has voted against every tax increase considered by the Pennsylvania General Assembly since taking office in 1998.



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Restoring
Your Right to own
Property



Real
Property Tax
Elimination Act



Restores Property Rights

The Real Property Tax Elimination Act targets the two components of property taxation:

- School property taxes
- Local government taxes

The right of citizens to truly own their property has been stripped away through property taxation. The property tax actually serves as a lease on our property that is never paid off. One of the core liberties of our Founding Fathers was the right to own your own property.

The legislation plans to phase out property taxes over six years, which includes a 33% reduction in school property taxes during the first year. This six-year period will be broken down into two parts: the first three-year period will be used to eliminate the school property tax and the second three-year period will be used to eliminate the property tax collected by municipalities.

As a portion of the school property tax is phased out each year, the sales tax will be increased by 1% each of the three years and the personal income tax will be increased .5% each of the three years.



During the second three-year period, the local municipality tax will be eliminated. Local governments will replace the revenues through a gradual increase of the personal income and/or earned income tax.

Improves Our Quality of Life

Citizens overwhelmingly feel that property tax is the most burdensome tax in our society. The Real Property Tax Elimination Act will:

- Enable senior citizens to remain in their own homes
- Empower young couples to want to purchase a home and raise families in Pennsylvania
- Encourage individuals to invest in their local communities through home ownership
- Enhance the business atmosphere to foster an environment conducive for job creation

Protects Taxpayers

Voter approval for future tax increases, except for health and safety concerns.

Tax reductions from surpluses will automatically reduce the personal income tax rate.

Ensures accountability in government, by allowing the citizenry to become more cognizant of the amount of taxation, resulting in greater transparency and a more efficient government.

“The way to grow our economy is not on the backs of taxpayers but through reducing the taxpayers' burden.”

**Representative
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