

Save Your Home REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES



A people's initiative to reduce your property taxes by 30 percent

Ballot Title

Statement of Subject: Initiative Measure No. 1030 concerns property taxes.

Concise Description: This measure would add provisions to state law concerning how assessed value and tax rates are computed for private real property, and require the legislature to enact laws to carry out its intent.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes No

Ballot Measure Summary

This measure would limit assessed value of privately-owned real property to not more than the property's property tax in 2008, reduced by 30%; require taxing districts to reduce regular property tax levies as necessary to prevent the values exempted under this measure from resulting in a higher tax rate than would have occurred in the absence of the reduction in assessed values; and require the legislature to enact new laws to implement the measure's intent.

WARNING:

Every person who signs this petition with any other than his or her true name, knowingly signs more than one of these petitions, signs this petition when he or she is not a legal voter, or makes any false statement on this petition may be punished by fine or imprisonment or both.

Initiative petition for submission to the People

To the Honorable Sam Reed,

Secretary of State of the State of Washington

We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of Washington, respectfully direct that the proposed measure known as Initiative Measure No. 1030, and entitled, "Statement of the Subject: Initiative Measure No. 1030 concerns property taxes. Concise Description: This measure would add provisions to state law concerning how assessed value and tax rates are computed for private real property, and require the legislature to enact laws to carry out its intent. Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes No " a full, true and correct copy of which is printed below, be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Washington for their approval or rejection at the general election to be held on the 4th day of November, 2008; and each of us for himself or herself: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Washington, in the city (or town) and county written after my name, my residence address is correctly stated, and I have knowingly signed this petition only once.

Washington State voters – please sign below. Statewide Initiative to the People.

Your signature won't count unless you print and sign your name clearly!

REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY

	Printed Name of Voter	Signature of Voter	Your Home Address	City	County
0.	John Q. Taxpayer	<i>John Q. Taxpayer</i>	1313 Mockingbird Lane, Apt. 7	Wauna	Pierce
1.		Please sign as registered to vote	Your address	Your city	Your county
2.		Please sign as registered to vote	Your address	Your city	Your county
3.		Please sign as registered to vote	Your address	Your city	Your county
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If you have already signed I-1030 please do not sign again.

**VOLUNTEERS -
VERY IMPORTANT!**

The signatures you collect **WILL BE REJECTED** by the government unless you fill out this portion of the petition. **MAKE SURE YOU COMPLETE THIS SECTION!**

FIRST NAME LAST NAME

I, _____, swear or affirm under penalty of law that I circulated this sheet of the foregoing petition, and that, to the best of my knowledge, every person who signed this sheet of the foregoing petition knowingly and without any compensation or promise of compensation willingly signed his or her true name and that the information provided therewith is true and correct. I further acknowledge that under chapter 29A.84 RCW, forgery of signatures on this petition constitutes a class C felony, and that offering any consideration or gratuity to any person to induce them to sign a petition is a gross misdemeanor, such violations being punishable by fine or imprisonment or both.

Signature _____ Date of Signature _____

Signing this declaration constitutes an oath subjecting the signatory to the penalty of the law. RCW 9A.46.020 applies to any conduct constituting harassment against a petition signature gatherer. This penalty does not preclude the victim from seeking any other remedy otherwise available under the law.



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Complete Text of the Save Your Home by Reducing Property Taxes Initiative

Contact Information

Bellevue – 425 746-2983
 Tacoma – 253 460-9508
 Spokane – 509 220-6529

www.taxfight.org
info@taxfight.org

Please collect as many signatures as you can and mail this petition back to us as soon as possible. Sign the very important required statement above, and mail it along with your most generous donation to:

League of Washington Taxpayers
 15127 NE 24th Street
 Redmond, WA 98052

The government only gives us until July 3, 2008 to gather 224,680 valid signatures. Time is short – ACT NOW.

To get more petitions call the location nearest you:

Bellevue – 425 746-2983,
Tacoma – 253 460-9508,
Spokane – 509 220-6529,

or preferably, to save you time and to save our campaign time and resources, make your own copies (both front and back must be copied and petition size cannot be reduced – final size must remain 11x17). Feel free to take this petition to any print shop or download a pdf copy for printing off our website at www.taxfight.org. Copies will cost about 30 cents apiece. Color is not necessary. Black and White is OK.

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TIPS FOR COLLECTING SIGNATURES

Get permission and set up a table outside your local grocery store or post office.

Always take a petition wherever you go, especially when going to where people are – church, social events, sports, Little League, etc. . .

Go straight to your relatives, friends and neighbors.

As you gather signatures, be bold! Our survey shows that people are really upset about property taxes. . . in fact. . . 84.2 percent of the people statewide said so.

INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 1030

AN ACT Relating to reducing the assessed value of property; adding a new section to chapter 84.40 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 84.40 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The assessed value of property for all privately owned real property must not exceed the property tax on the same property for the tax year ending December 31, 2008, reduced by thirty percent. The reduction provided in this subsection may not shift property taxes. The regular levies of all taxing districts shall be reduced as necessary to prevent the values exempted under this subsection from resulting in a higher tax rate that would have occurred in the absence of the reduction.

(2) For the purposes of this section:

- (a) "Privately owned" means not owned by a county, municipality, other political subdivision of the state, or the United States government; and
- (b) "Real Property" means all classes of residential, commercial, developed, and undeveloped real estate, including new construction.

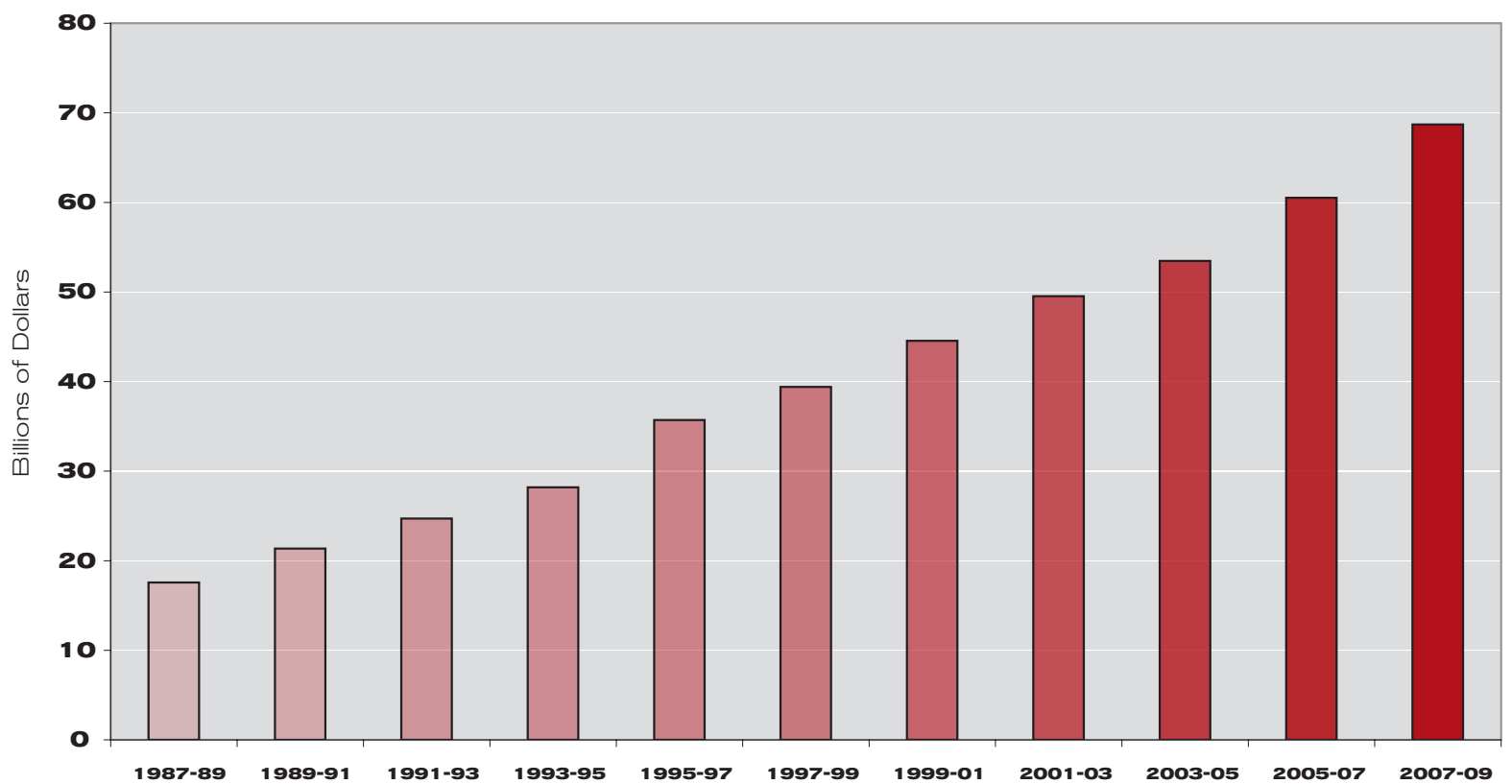
NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The legislature must adopt implementing legislation to carry out the intent of this act, as necessary.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act takes effect January 1, 2009, and applies to all taxes levied and collected in tax year 2009 and thereafter.

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**Growth of the Washington State Budget in Billions
1987 to 2009**

State of Washington LEAP Committee, (Legislative Accountability & Evaluation Program Committee), http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/oversight/index_finalh_rs.asp



This Initiative will REDUCE your property taxes by 30 percent.

It is sponsored by the League of Washington Taxpayers which has responded to the problem of ever-increasing property taxes for the following reasons:

- >> Current property taxes, in our opinion, are excessive and confiscatory.
- >> Property taxes have risen every year depending on the existing law pertaining to valuation and assessment. Tax rates vary also and can be different from year to year.
- >> Many people are paying more in property taxes each year than their annual mortgage – this means that although you may have title to your property, you are effectively merely renting it from the government.
- >> Our Property Tax Survey confirms that a great majority of people feel that the tax on property is too high, unfamiliar and out-of-control.