

The Property Tax Rate You Pay...



...Just Got **FROZEN**

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"Actually, Democrats didn't originate the freeze plan. Republicans did. A property tax freeze passed the GOP-controlled Senate in 2004...they didn't want to raise property taxes - and their freeze wouldn't have done that, any more than Ritter's would."

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Do you want **YOUR** vote to count? Of course, and so does **Senator Williams.**

But, because of a quirk in state law, when local communities vote to keep **their money in their local schools** the state won't allow it! This has resulted in less local funding of public schools and therefore a loss in your local control. The new property tax rate freeze fixes the problem and allows Colorado to develop and fund great schools.

THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FREEZE

WHAT IT **DOES:**

- Makes sure **YOUR** vote counts
- Maintains a secure funding source for your local schools
- Maintains local control (today 175 out of 178 school districts have voted to allow schools to keep additional revenue)
- Maintains the Homestead Exemption Tax Break for seniors who own their home
- Keeps the state from having to cut the budget for **health care, transportation, higher education** or other critical needs
- Stabilizes property tax rates around the state (33 districts will see a decrease in their mill levy)



WHAT IT **DOESN'T DO:**

- Does not raise taxes
- Does not change existing law allowing voters to raise their mill levy through referendum
- Does not violate TABOR
- Does not allow one community—as it does now—to have a rate of 1.68 Mills while another can be as high as 37.88 (These wild differences are not fair to taxpayers)



**Call Senator Susan Williams at 303.866.3432
& share your views on the Tax Rate Freeze.**