



**DAWN BUCKINGHAM**  
STATE SENATOR

## **Statement on Buckingham Property Tax Legislation**

Since my first day in the Texas Senate I have fought for fiscally responsible limited government. Providing property tax relief to my constituents will always be one of my top priorities.

Our current property tax system too often places an undue burden on property owners, and that is why I have filed several bills to reform property taxes in Texas.

My legislation will empower property owners who protest their appraisals by prohibiting protest hearing fees for property owners (Senate Bill 597 / Senate Joint Resolution 36), preventing property values from increasing in a protest hearing without agreement (Senate Bill 598), and requiring appraisal districts to inform property owners when comparable properties are under protest (Senate Bill 599). I also filed legislation to increase taxpayer involvement in the rollback process by eliminating the petition process and requiring automatic rollback elections when cities and counties exceed their rollback rate, and requiring rollback elections to be held on the uniform election date in November (Senate Bill 600).

I look forward to working with state leadership and my colleagues in the legislature to enact these common sense reforms during the 2019 session..

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