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Statement on Senate Bill 2

Today the Senate Committee on Property Tax added an amendment to Senate Bill 2 to provide residents in “small taxing units” with an opportunity to opt-in to the lower rollback rate included in Senate Bill 2. This amendment includes the same opt-in process I proposed when property tax reform legislation was considered during the first called session of the 85th legislative session, and I commend Chairman Paul Bettencourt and members of the property tax committee for adding this amendment to Senate Bill 2. As I said on the Senate floor in 2017 when I offered this opt-in amendment, my constituents in Senate District 24 reside in very diverse areas with far different taxing bases, as well as different needs based on population, and I'm supportive of the “small taxing unit” concept. However, I also want to provide all of my constituents with the opportunity for the tax relief that will be automatic in this legislation for those who reside in my district's most populous areas. That's why I support leaving this decision to the taxpayers who reside in these taxing units through opt-in elections in May 2020.

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