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Senator Cesar J. Blanco Votes to Deliver Property Tax Relief To Texas Families

Austin, TX – Today, **Senator Cesar J. Blanco** announced the passage of Senate Bill 4 (SB 4) and Senate Joint Resolution 2 (SJR 2), a major victory for Texas homeowners. As a joint author, Senator Blanco helped pass this legislation to raise the **homestead exemption to \$140,000, delivering real financial relief to families, seniors, and homeowners in El Paso and West Texas.**

“For too many families, rising costs make it harder to stay in their homes. **SB 4 puts money back in homeowners’ pockets by cutting property taxes and making homeownership more affordable,**” said Senator Blanco.

SB 4 increases the homestead exemption to **\$140,000 and \$150,000 for senior citizens, saving homeowners an average of \$496 per year** with included school compression measures in the state budget. Most notably, approximately **67,000** homeowners in El Paso and West Texas will now pay zero in school property taxes. It is also estimated **80%-90% of senior citizens** will now pay zero dollars in school property taxes. Public schools will be held harmless, with the state covering any lost revenue.

“This is a win for homeowners and our schools,” Blanco said. “Families get tax relief without hurting education.”

While SB 4 is a major step forward, **more work is needed.** Senator Blanco is committed to **reforming Texas’ broken property tax system,** fixing appraisal flaws, fully funding public schools, and ensuring Texans aren’t taxed out of their homes.

“We need real, lasting property tax reform,” Blanco said. “Our appraisal system is broken, and I’ll keep fighting for solutions that protect Texas homeowners.”

Since 2015, Senator Blanco has helped raise the homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$140,000. SB 4 now heads to the Texas House of Representatives for consideration.

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