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Property Tax Survey

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Part 1 Tabulation Report

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**Which social media sites do you use?**

	Total	Percent
Facebook	73 of 221	35.78%
Twitter	4 of 221	1.96%
YouTube	25 of 221	12.25%
Skipped	119 of 221	58.33%

**Do you support the elimination of school property taxes?**

	Total	Percent
Yes	184	90.20%
No	9	4.41%
Undecided	11	5.39%
Skipped	0	0.00%
Totals	204	100%

**What level of school property tax elimination do you support?**

	Total	Percent
Residential school property taxes only	123	60.29%
Both residential and commercial school property taxes	62	30.39%
Neither	19	9.31%
Skipped	0	0.00%
Totals	204	100%

**The elimination of just residential school property taxes will require identifying an alternative revenue source(s) totaling \$9.1 billion and a constitutional amendment, which will take a minimum of three years to pass. Do you support raising other taxes to offset the elimination of residential school property taxes?**

	Total	Percent
Yes	155	75.98%
No	28	13.73%
Undecided	21	10.29%
Skipped	0	0.00%
Totals	204	100%

The elimination of both residential and commercial school property taxes will require identifying an alternative revenue source(s) totaling \$12.9 billion. Do you support raising other taxes to offset the elimination of residential and commercial school property taxes?

	Total	Percent
Yes	100	49.02%
No	56	27.45%
Undecided	48	23.53%
Skipped	0	0.00%
Totals	204	100%

If you support the elimination of residential and/or residential and commercial school property taxes, which method or methods of taxation do you support to offset the elimination of school property taxes? Please mark all choices you would support.

	Total	Percent
Increasing the Sales and Use Tax (a 1 percent increase would garner \$1.34 billion)	130 of 586	63.73%
Increasing the Personal Income Tax (a 1 percent increase would garner \$3.25 billion)	76 of 586	37.25%
Levying a new tax on retirement income, excluding Social Security, to raise \$2.3 billion	9 of 586	4.41%
Applying the sales tax to food to raise \$1.2 billion	50 of 586	24.51%
Applying the sales tax to clothing to raise \$757 million	89 of 586	43.63%
Taxing all items and services currently exempt from the Sales and Use Tax to raise \$16 billion (including food, clothing, legal services, home heating oil, non-prescription drugs, and water and sewer services)	53 of 586	25.98%
Applying the Sales and Use Tax to clothing items costing more than \$100	83 of 586	40.69%
Raising the Real Estate Transfer Tax	30 of 586	14.71%
Seth, you have my permission to do whatever it takes to eliminate my school property taxes	47 of 586	23.04%
None of the above	19 of 586	9.31%
Skipped	0 of 586	0.00%

In order to completely eliminate school property taxes, either for residential only or for residential and commercial, it will require a reserve of funds from increasing other taxes for at least one year, all while paying your current school property taxes. Do you still support the elimination of school property taxes knowing you will pay higher taxes for one year, while still paying school property taxes before school property taxes can be completely eliminated?

	Total	Percent
Yes	154	75.49%
No	22	10.78%
Undecided	28	13.73%
Skipped	0	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>100%</b>

What do you perceive as the main factor leading to rising property taxes? Choose all that apply:

	Total	Percent
The state is under funding education	56 of 656	27.45%
Increases in teacher and administrative salaries	158 of 656	77.45%
The rising costs of health insurance	141 of 656	69.12%
Pensions for retired school employees	152 of 656	74.51%
School construction costs	149 of 656	73.04%
Skipped	0 of 656	0.00%