

WHO CAN TAX YOU

THE ROOT CAUSE OF RISING PROPERTY TAXES

THE NUMBER OF **LOCAL** GOVERNMENT BODIES

THAT CAN TAX OHIOANS
HAS GROWN TO MORE THAN →

6,500

THE PROBLEM

TYPES OF ENTITIES WITH TAXING POWER HAS EXPLODED

11

1900-1940

Turn of the Century
& Depression

24

1960-1980

Great Society

49

1803-1900

Early
Statehood

18

1940-1960

Postwar

37

1980-2013

Regionalism

+7

+6

+13

+12

THE SOLUTION

HOW TO LOWER PROPERTY TAXES

Require approval for most property tax levies to go on the ballot.

County budget commissions can reduce taxes if excess property taxes are collected.

Eliminate or modify the 20-mill floor to end tax hikes without a vote.

End or limit millage growth to end property tax increases without a vote.

Link state funding to performance to lower costs and improve services.

Consolidate local gov'ts to reduce redundancies and improve resource allocation.

Require local gov'ts to enhance transparency by joining Ohio Checkbook.

Eliminate tax abatements that hurt families and small businesses.

Require local gov'ts to spend state tax dollars on specific, critical needs.

Share state tax funds with local communities in dire need to keep critical services.

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