

# GOVERNOR MIKE BRAUN

## DELIVERING ON HISTORIC PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR HOOSIERS

Governor Braun and Statehouse Republicans have passed historic property tax relief with Senate Bill 1 (SB 1). This bill cuts property taxes for most Hoosier homeowners, farmers, and businesses, limits future tax hikes, and makes the tax system fairer, more transparent, and easier to understand.

Real property tax relief was a core promise of Governor Braun's Freedom and Opportunity Agenda, SB 1 delivers real savings and protections for taxpayers.

Here's what it means for Hoosiers:

### Taxpayer Wins:

**Big Tax Cuts** – Nearly \$1.5 billion in total savings!

- » **Homeowners:** \$1.2 billion in relief over three years
- » **Farmers:** \$116 million in tax breaks
- » **Small businesses:** \$145 million in savings
- » **Local Income Taxes:** \$1.9 billion cut from what local governments can collect

**Reforms a Broken Local Government Tax System**

- » Stronger Taxpayer Protections
- » Greater Public Control
- » Increased transparency, better information, and more say in local tax decisions

**Nearly every Hoosier homeowner, farmer, and business owner benefits from tax cuts, reforms, and stronger taxpayer protections!**

# How the Tax Cuts Work:

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- » **Homeowners:** Starting in 2026, you'll get a 10% tax credit (up to \$300/year). Larger deductions, growing with your home's value, will cut your bill even more by 2031.
- » **Farmers:** From 2026, farmland gets new relief with taxes based on the real farm economy.
- » **Small Businesses:** Tax breaks let equipment fully depreciate and raise exemption limits.
- » **Seniors & Veterans:** Fixed-income seniors and disabled veterans get stackable tax credits for extra help.
- » **Lower Local Taxes:** Local income taxes are kept in check, saving Hoosiers \$1.9 billion by reducing the cap on what local governments can collect.

# Stronger Taxpayer Protections:

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- » A **4% cap on 2026 levy growth** limits how much local governments can raise taxes next year.
- » After 2026, Local **governments must vote annually to increase property taxes**—and explain why to you.
- » Tax deductions are now tied to your home's value, so you continue to save when inflation causes costs and assessed values to rise.
- » Fire districts and special tax rates face new limits to keep bills predictable.
- » Local income taxes reset to 0% each year and force your local officials to vote to keep them, ensuring accountability.

# Making Taxes Transparent:

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- » **Tax referendum decisions will be voted on during general elections**, when more Hoosiers participate.
- » A new **Property Tax Transparency Portal** lets you check your bill and see proposed changes.
- » **No back-to-back bonds**—local governments must wait a year, giving you a clear view of your taxes.
- » School funding and big project referendum must **show the full cost to taxpayers on the ballot question**, not just a rate.
- » **Closing loopholes** like the excess levy appeal to stop local governments from bypassing taxpayer protections.

**Bottom Line: SB 1 brings huge property tax relief to Hoosier homeowners, farmers, and businesses. Your property taxes will be lower, future increases are limited, and the system is now easier to understand. Indiana's property taxes will finally be a system that forces local government to work better for you!**