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# Law would limit tax boards to one

This is Part Four of a nine-part series on nine proposed amendments to the state constitution being presented to Texas voters on Nov. 4.

**AUSTIN** — Constitutional Amendment No. 3 on the Nov. 4 ballot is an attempt by the Legislature to require only one entity in each county to appraise property for the taxing purposes of the county and all cities, school districts and special districts within the county.

The amendment also would require a single board of equalization for each county and would disqualify elected officials from serving on the board of equalization.

Currently, cities, school districts and many special districts are permitted to have their own tax offices to appraise property for taxation. Under past legislation, local entities are permitted to have one

# East Texas producers investigated

## Old oil claimed sold at new prices

**DALLAS** — Investigators from four Texas agencies have uncovered evidence of a massive oil price fixing scheme from the vast east Texas oil fields in which "old" oil was sold at "new" prices, a newspaper reported Thursday.

The Dallas Morning News, in a copyrighted story, reported a special grand jury has been hearing testimony since August in the alleged fraud, which involves selling "old" oil, generally defined as crude from wells drilled before the 1973 oil embargo, at "new" prices.

Under federal price restrictions, much less can be charged for "old" oil than for oil produced after the 1973 embargo.

One source described the alleged fraud as being a "multi-billion-dollar operation." Another source said authorities have been unable to determine the amount of money involved.

The newspaper reported old oil produced in the east Texas fields, the largest in the world before discoveries in the Middle East, was being trucked to Louisiana refineries and sold at new prices.

The source also said there were indications that "scum" oil taken from old wells was being reclaimed and sold as new oil.

"The processing plants for oil field disposal are serving as washing machines," the source said. "In east Texas fields, we

are producing 200,000 barrels of oil a day. But in doing so, we are also producing 800,000 barrels of water and that is disposed of by pipe. About 200,000 barrels of oil is being reclaimed each year from this water."

The investigation — conducted by the Gregg County district attorney, the state attorney general, the Texas Railroad Commission and the Texas Rangers — is aimed at oil companies and trucking firms that transport the oil, a source told the newspaper.

The grand jury originally planned to finish its inquiry in October, but the case turned out bigger than expected and work was expected to continue until mid-November.

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property appraisal board in the county but that still has not brought uniformity in all of the state's 254 counties.

Rep. Lloyd Criss, D-LaMarque, sponsored the legislation that placed this constitutional amendment on the ballot.

"It would eliminate waste and duplication," he said. "In Galveston County, for example, there are 23 separate tax appraisal boards. The taxpayers of Galveston County could save about \$3 million a year if this amendment is approved."

Criss also said elected officials should not have to serve on appraisal and equalization boards. Currently, county commissioners and tax assessor-collectors — both elective offices — do the property appraising.

"This amendment takes the politics out of it (appraising property)," he said. "Are elected officials more interested in getting votes or rather in what actual appraisal of property really is? We shouldn't have a political system to appraise property for tax purposes."

Opponents of the single appraisal board system contend that rural citizens will be hurt by the amendment. They claim that county commissioners and tax assessors-collectors have always been sympathetic to the problems of farmers, but the appraisal district boards will be dominated by cities and school districts and will not understand those problems. Consequently, taxes for rural citizens will increase.

# Group charges Brilab a 'purge'

**AUSTIN** — Leaders of the "Committee Against Brilab and Abscam" said Thursday the federal government has reduced its effort to control drug traffic and violent crimes to concentrate instead on schemes such as Brilab and Abscam as part of a "political purge."

Richard Leebove, executive director of the group that has headquarters in Houston, told a news conference, "In the view of the Committee Against Brilab and Abscam, the federal government is not conducting a legal campaign in the best interest of America, it is conducting a political purge."

"It is the opinion of the committee ... that there has been nothing random and nothing criminal about the Justice Department's targets. They are part of the leadership of the constituency-based political machines who have built and run the nation's urban industrial centers in accordance with the American system of economic policies."

Leebove said the committee will rely on contributions to publicize its criticisms of the government techniques, and to assist defendants in the Abscam and Brilab trials.

He said the committee did some research on convicted swindler Joseph Hauser, who worked undercover for the FBI in the Texas Brilab investigation that resulted in indictments against Speaker Bill Clayton and three others, and offered the information to Clayton's defense attorneys.

"Victory for the Brilab-Abscam method means gutting the constitution itself," Leebove said.

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