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State tax becomes possibility

Voters to choose between tax, court-written plan for schools

AUSTIN (AP) — Voters likely will be given a take-it-or-leave-it plan to replace local school property taxes with a statewide tax or let judges control the schools, state leaders said Thursday.

"That's exactly right," Gov. Ann Richards said. "The people of Texas deserve the opportunity to make a decision — whether they choose that (statewide tax) alternative or whether they choose action imposed on them by the Supreme Court."

Legislative leaders said a statewide property tax proposal, which would require a constitutional amendment, could be placed on the ballot in May.

Leaders said a statewide property tax would lower taxes paid for about 60 percent of Texans and raise taxes for 40 percent.

It also would satisfy the two Texas Supreme Court rulings that found the current \$14 billion school finance system unconstitutional because it denies equitable funding to poor districts.

Richards said a statewide property tax wouldn't have been anyone's first choice a few years ago. But with an April 1 court deadline for action, it may be all that's left, she said.

"The decision that came down from the Supreme Court could not have been more specific," Richards said. "There had to be a dramatic change. And if that dramatic change was not executed by the first of April ... then we face the very likelihood that our school system is going to be

run by the courts."

Richards said she, House Speaker Gib Lewis and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock have concluded that the statewide tax — as proposed in a bill by Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur — would be the only quick way of complying with the Supreme Court's latest ruling.

Parker's bill proposes abolishing local property taxes for schools and replacing them with a statewide levy of up to \$1 per \$100 of property value. The bill would allow local districts to levy an additional 25-cent tax if they choose.

Richards said that under the plan, the state would set the tax rate, collect the taxes and under a spending formula disburse the money to the various school districts.

Lewis said money probably would be sent out to schools based on attendance. That could mean some districts with very few students would have to consolidate.

"I think you'll probably see some consolidation attempt made ... probably the financial reality will bring it about a lot quicker than we can do it on our own," he said.

Lewis, D-Fort Worth, said he wasn't happy about the idea of a statewide tax but sees little other choice.

"None of this has been enthusiastically agreed upon," Lewis said. "It's just this is about the only alternative we see that's a viable alternative."

State Rep. Jim Rudd, D-Brownfield, chairman of the budget-writing House Appropriations Committee, said some lawmakers would like to see other options.

"The court is not going to be unreasonable," the governor said.

If the voters reject the constitutional amendment, Lewis said, "I guess the court will write the plan. I don't know ... I don't think the courts will shut down the schools."

Some, he said, view a statewide tax as "so extreme that we might as well let the court write it because the court couldn't give us anything worse."

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Although the Supreme Court set an April 1 deadline, Richards and Lewis said they expected judges to allow a May election if the Legislature approved such a proposal.

cause it will have such a dramatic impact on their local school districts as far as taking away their funds or not being what they consider a fair proposal," he said.

What's Up

- Friday**
- INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION:** Gourmet Club - hosted by the Malaysians at 7 p.m. at the A&M Methodist Church Student Center, off University Drive, entrance through Lodge Street. To participate you have to cook a dish. Recipes are in the basement of Bizzell Hall. Call N. Ran Jan at 846-2717 for more information.
 - COLOMBIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** general meeting at 7 p.m. in 200 Kleberg. Call Juan at 775-0645 for more information.
 - BAPTIST STUDENT UNION:** fellowship for all international students at 7 p.m. in the Baptist Student Union, 203 College Main, behind Loupot's. Call 846-7722 for more information.
 - UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES:** weekly Bible study at 6 p.m. in the A&M Presbyterian Church office. This week's topic is "Philippians." Call Stacy at 847-5300 for more information.
 - OFF CAMPUS AGGIES:** Dinner Club at 7 p.m. at El Freebrld's, Northgate. Call Brian at 823-6517 for more information.
 - AFRICAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION:** general assembly meeting with special presidential election to be held at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder. Also making plans for International Week. Call Lynn at 846-0276 for more information.
- Saturday**
- ASIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION:** welcome back dance with KA at 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Pavilion. Members \$1, Non-members \$3. Call Peppe at 693-0317 for more information.
 - THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & LIFE SCIENCES:** Chili cook-off with Domino tournament, horseshoes and volleyball. Set-up begins at 10:30 a.m. and judging begins at 1:30 p.m. at Wellborn Community Center. Call Elizabeth Williamson at 845-3712 for more information.
 - TEXAS A&M SPORTS CAR CLUB:** first Autocross, registration begins at 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Riverside Annex. Members \$8, Non-members \$10. Call Terry at 846-6099 for more information.
 - INDIA DAY:** Republic Day celebrations at 5 p.m. in 201 MSC. Free admission. Call 846-2757 or 845-5982 for more information.
 - AUDUBON FIELD TRIP:** Wintering birds are plentiful in the Katy-Hockley area. We will be looking for birds such as Bald Eagles and Vermillion Flycatchers. Call Bert at 764-3999 or 693-3214 for more information.
 - POOL CLUB:** Mixed Blind Draw Doubles Tournament, registration at 9:30 p.m. and tourney at 10 p.m. at Yesterday's. Call Aren at 847-4109 for more information.
- Sunday**
- LUTHERAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP:** fellowship supper and Bible study at 6 p.m. at the University Lutheran Chapel.
 - SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM:** Dance practice of Middle Ages style dancing at 8:30 p.m. in 212 MSC. Call Star at 845-7768 or 846-3113 or Michael at 845-1365 or 268-7737 for more information.
 - METHODIST STUDENT CENTER:** choir at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. (\$1.25). Vespers at 7 p.m. and recreation at 8 p.m. all in the Methodist Student Center. Call Max at 846-4701 for more information.
- Monday**
- ACCOUNTING SOCIETY:** membership signup through January 30th in the 2nd floor lobby of Blocker. Call Jeff at 764-6850 for more information.
- MSC ALL NIGHT FAIR:** general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder. Call Michelle at 847-1757 for more information.
- POLITICAL SCIENCE SOCIETY:** general meeting at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder. Call Melissa at 764-6586 for more information.
- BAPTIST STUDENT UNION:** Freshman and transfer care groups-fellowships for all freshmen and transfers. Both at 7:45 p.m. at the Baptist Student Union, 203 College Main. Call 846-7722 for more information.
- A&M MAGIC CLUB:** attention all magicians, conjurers, escape artists, professional and amateur in the Bryan-College Station area who are interested in starting a Magic Club at Texas A&M. I am looking for anyone who has had a serious interest in these fields and want to get together with others to practice and learn. Call David at 847-2688 for more information.
- TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COALITION:** Recycling Committee of TEAC will have an information table set up all day in front of Academic Building. Call Curtis at 847-0585 for more information.
- TAMU HISTORY CLUB:** first general meeting of spring semester at 7 p.m. in 407 Rudder. Guest lecture with Dr. Arnold Kramer speaking on the Interment of German soldiers in Texas during World War II. Call Eric at 693-8561 for more information.
- PHI BETA CHI:** Bible study for all actives and rushees (rush party!) at 7 p.m. Call Felicia at 693-3391 for more information.
- ALPHA ZETA:** first meeting of spring semester at 7 p.m. in 113 Kleberg.
- TAMU RACQUETBALL CLUB:** mandatory informational meeting for all interested in club or team at 6:30 p.m. on Ct. 7 READ. Call Missi at 693-1074 for more information.
- PHI BETA LAMBDA:** smoker at 8:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder. Call Brett at 823-6614 for more information.
- STUDENTS AGAINST APARTHEID:** discuss name and group change to SCAR at 8:30 p.m. in 407AB Rudder.
- MSC SPRING LEADERSHIP TRIP '91:** applications for delegates are due by 5 p.m. in the Student Programs Office. Call Paul at 845-1515 for more information.
- BUSINESS STUDENT COUNCIL:** Women in Business Symposium will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in 601 Rudder and a luncheon at the Hilton 11:30 a.m. Executive Women of Dallas will speak. Also, meet company representatives at corporate booths in Blocker lobby through Jan 30th - part of Career Fair. Call Kyle at 847-2875 for more information.
- EXCEL '91:** chair applications will be available and are due February 8 at noon. Come by Multicultural Services to pick up an application or call Darron at 845-4565 for more information.
- STUDENTS OVER TRADITIONAL AGE:** discuss future events at 7 p.m. in Of Campus Center in Puryear Hall. New students are welcome. Call Virgil at 845-1741 for more information.
- THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY & HUMANITIES:** University Chamber Series Concert — Mozart's Operatic Gems at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theatre. Call Rebecca at 845-3355 for more information.
- INDIA DAY:** Indian classical music, Sitar Performance by Allyn Miner at 8 p.m. in 201 MSC. Cultural Extravaganza: several booths displaying arts, handicrafts, culture, history, traditions, slideshows and more! At 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the MSC flagroom. Call 846-2757 or 845-5982 for more information.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We publish the name and phone number of the contact only if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3316.


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