

# You will be making an important choice about your school taxes on May 15th.

## A Message from Senator Charles T. McIlhinney, Jr.

Voters will have the opportunity to change the way their local taxes are levied at the ballot box on May 15th. Since this ballot question will have a significant impact on taxation at the local level, I want to provide you with more information on how this decision could affect you. I am happy to answer any questions you might have, and I encourage you to vote on May 15th.



### *Sample ballot question*

**“Do you favor imposing an additional X% earned income tax? The revenue generated from the increased tax will be used to reduce taxes on qualified residential properties by \$X. The current earned income tax rate is X%.”**

*(see reverse side for exact figures for your school district)*

# May Ballot Will Include Property Tax Option

On May 15th, Pennsylvanians will make an important choice about their school property taxes. As authorized by Act 1 of 2006, voters will have the opportunity to decide whether they want to increase local income taxes and use that revenue to reduce school property taxes.

Since taxes on income from IRAs, pensions, Social Security and other income seniors rely on would NOT be

increased, a vast number of our senior citizens would realize a sizeable tax reduction if voters support the ballot question.

If approved by voters, the actual reduction in property taxes will vary depending on the school district. The average property tax cut for homeowners in each school district in the 10th Senatorial District is included below.

## Property Tax Reductions/E.I.T. Increases\*

If voters approve the ballot question on May 15th, this is the average reduction that homeowners will see in their property taxes.

School District	Property Tax Reduction	Percent of Property Tax Cut	E.I.T. Increase
Central Bucks . . . . .	\$972 . . . . .	26% . . . . .	1.0%
Council Rock . . . . .	\$942 . . . . .	23% . . . . .	0.9%
Morrisville . . . . .	\$753 . . . . .	25% . . . . .	1.0%
New Hope/Solebury . . . . .	\$989 . . . . .	22% . . . . .	0.6%
Palisades . . . . .	\$612 . . . . .	21% . . . . .	1.0%
Pennridge . . . . .	\$792 . . . . .	27% . . . . .	0.8%
Pennsbury . . . . .	\$364 . . . . .	10% . . . . .	1.0%

*\*By School District*

## Protecting Our Taxpayers

In addition to providing property tax relief, Act 1 gave voters more power over school district spending to protect against future property tax increases. The law will limit school district spending increases to the rate of inflation, unless voters approve a larger increase at the ballot box.

This referendum will help to control school district spending and better protect our taxpayers. While the property tax relief included in Act 1 is important for our taxpayers, controlling school district spending is equally important to prevent excessive property tax increases in the future.

***For additional information contact my office at 717-787-7305 or 1-866-738-8600.***