

Texas Taxpayers and Research Association Annual Meeting Update on Arizona Tax Policy

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- Over last 30 years, Arizona has steadily moved from a high tax/low growth state to a low tax/high growth state
- Series of Legislative efforts have focused primarily on Arizona's economic competitiveness
- Policy Path: Equitable tax treatment as opposed to targeted tax breaks
- Arizona's top historic problem was high business property taxes that resulted from Arizona's classification system



Property Tax Reforms

| | Tax Year | A/R | H.O. Rebate |
|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| HB2779 | 2005 | 25.0% | 35.00% |
| | 2006 | 24.5% | 36.00% |
| HB2784 | 2007 | 24.0% | 37.00% |
| | 2008 | 23.0% | 38.00% |
| | 2009 | 22.0% | 39.00% |
| | 2010 | 21.0% | 40.00% |
| HB2001 (SS) | 2011 | 1 20.0% 40.00 | |
| | 2012 | 20.0% | 40.00% |
| | 2013 | 19.5% | 40.00% |
| | 2014 | 19.0% | 43.559% |
| | 2015 | 18.5% | 45.003% |
| | 2016 | 18.0% | 47.190% |
| | 2017 | 18.0% | 47.190% |
| | 2018 | 18.0% | 47.190% |
| | 2019 | 18.0% | 47.190% |
| | 2020 | 18.0% | 47.190% |
| SB1828 | 2021 | 18.0% | 47.190% |
| SB1093 | 2022 | 17.5% | 50.00% |
| | 2023 | 17.0% | 50.00% |
| | 2024 | 16.5% | 50.00% |
| | 2025 | 16.0% | 50.00% |
| | 2026 | 15.5% | 50.00% |
| | 2027 | 15.0% | 50.00% |

The taxpayer's watchdog for over 80 years

TY 2005 vs. 2023 Effective Tax Rates (ETR)

| | | 2005 | 2023 | |
|-------|---|------------------|------------------|----------|
| | | Effective | Effective | % Chg in |
| Class | Property Description | Tax Rate | Tax Rate | ETR |
| | | | | |
| 1 | Commercial, Industrial, Utilities & Mines | 2.66% | 1.39% | -47.56% |
| 2 | Agricultural & Vacant Land | 1.53% | 0.86% | -43.83% |
| 3 | Owner-occupied Residential | 0.96% | 0.57% | -40.88% |
| 4 | Rental Residential | 1.13% | 0.61% | -45.97% |
| 5 | Railroad, Private Car, Airline | 2.30% | 1.30% | -43.54% |
| 6 | Residential Historic, Foreign Trade Zones | 0.57% | 0.49% | -13.60% |
| 7 | Commercial Historic | 1.78% | 0.88% | -50.84% |
| 8 | Rental Residential Historic | 0.85% | 0.59% | -30.68% |
| 9 | Possessory Interests, leased property to nonprofits | 0.07% | 0.10% | 41.91% |
| Total | | 1.37% | 0.74% | -46.32% |



Personal Property Tax Reforms

- Locally Assessed Personal Property Reductions
 - Accelerated Depreciation

Percent Good

| Assessment Year | 1994-2007 | 2008-2011 | 2012-2021 | 2022 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|
| First Year | 35% | 30% | 25% | 2.5% |
| Second Year | 51% | 46% | 41% | |
| Third Year | 67% | 62% | 57% | |
| Fourth Year | 83% | 78% | 73% | |
| Fifth Year | DOR | 94% | 89% | |
| Sixth Year | DOR | DOR | DOR | |

- 1996 \$50,000 Small Business Exemption now \$207,366
- 2022 Reduced taxable value to 2.5% for new property



Individual Income Tax Rate Differences (1992-2023)

| 1992 Tax Rates | 2023 Tax Rate | <u>Delta</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 3.80% | 2.5% | -34% |
| \$760 plus 4.40% | | -43% |
| \$2,080 plus 5.25% | | -52% |
| \$4,705 plus 6.50% | | -62% |
| \$17,705 plus 7.00% | • | -64% |