



Requiring Lawmakers to Bee Honest Saves Taxpayers Money

With the help of the Bee Honest Kansas campaign, the new Truth in Taxation law requires local officials to be honest about the property tax increases they impose. Mill rates are automatically reduced each year so that higher valuations generate the same dollar amount of property tax for cities, schools, and other local taxing authorities. To get an increase, local officials must notify taxpayers of their intent, hold a public hearing, and then vote on the entire property tax increase.

Truth in Taxation shields taxpayers from excessive takes hikes

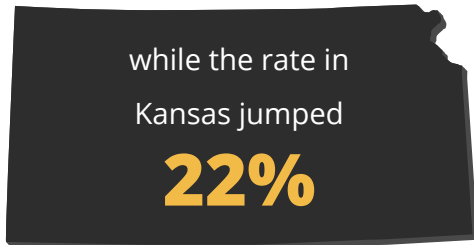


1900 local taxing authorities have declared they will not increase property taxes next year



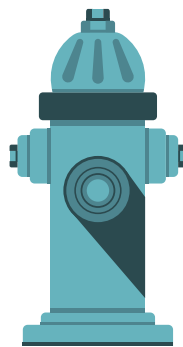
There are 475 other local entities that are proposing less than a 2% increase

Utah, a Truth in Taxation state, reduced the effective tax rate **8.5%**,



while the rate in Kansas jumped **22%**

between 2000 to 2018



~3,700 taxing authorities are subject to Truth in Taxation laws, including cities, counties, school districts, community colleges, townships, fire districts, cemetery districts, and other special districts

Truth in Taxation requires better budgeting decisions

From 1997 to 2020, property taxes increased

167%

outpacing inflation (53%) and population growth (11%)



During this time, local government property tax grew the most, by

187%



From 1997 to 2020, education tax jumped **148%**

