



## Missouri House of Representatives

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### **Speaker Patterson Reaffirms House Commitment to Fighting Illegal Property Assessments**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Today, Speaker Jon Patterson gave a statement on the court ruling against the Jackson County Tax Assessor, a decisive win in the fight against unfair taxes.

“What the unelected Jackson County assessor did was inexcusable,” **Speaker Jon Patterson**, R-Lee’s Summit, said. “The House remains committed to advancing legislation that improves accountability, cuts property taxes, and ensures this overreach never happens again.”

“We appreciate the work of Attorney General Andrew Bailey in securing this legal victory as well as the work of Auditor Scott Fitzpatrick investigating this issue,” **Patterson** continued. “As Republican leaders, we will continue fighting for Missourians against unfair and illegal taxes.”

House legislation relating to property tax relief:

#### **HJR 23 & 3 - Electing Jackson County Assessor**

A proposed constitutional amendment passed by the Missouri House that would require the Jackson County assessor to be an elected position, subject to voter approval. Currently, all counties in Missouri get to elect their assessor, except for Jackson County and St. Louis City.

#### **HB 999 - Strengthening Fairness in Property Tax Assessments**

HB 999 aims to reform Missouri’s property tax assessment process by ensuring counties adhere to fair practices. If counties fail to comply with State Tax Commission orders, the State Tax Commission may order Department of Revenue to withhold local sales tax revenue until corrections are made.

#### **HB 903 - Reducing Personal Property Assessments and Provide Tax Relief**

HB 903 seeks to reduce personal property tax assessments in Missouri by lowering the assessment rate from 33.3% to 18% incrementally over three years.

#### **HJR 4 - Property Tax Cap to Provide Homeowner Relief**

HJR 4 is a proposed constitutional amendment designed to stabilize property tax assessments for residential homeowners. If approved, it would cap future property reassessments at 2% or the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), with exceptions for new construction or significant improvements.

*Representative Jon Patterson, a Republican, represents District 30, which includes parts of Lee's Summit. He was elected to his first two-year term in November of 2018. Rep. Patterson currently serves as Speaker of the House and is committed to making life safer, better, and more affordable for Missouri families. For more information, please contact Rep. Patterson's office at 573- 751-0907 or via email at [Jonathan.Patterson@House.Mo.Gov](mailto:Jonathan.Patterson@House.Mo.Gov).*

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