

**Tax Assessor-Collector's Association
2009 Legislative Platform
November 17, 2008**

Property Tax – (Ongoing Issues to Monitor)

1. Appraisal Caps
2. Revenue Caps
3. Sales Price Disclosure
4. Unfunded Mandates
5. CAD restructures
6. Transfer of tax liens
7. HB 1010 Amendments
8. Truth in Taxation for MUDS/Water Districts
9. New city/county sales tax in lieu of property taxes
10. Board of Tax Professional Examiners Sunset Review Recommendations

Platform Items – (Property Tax)

1. Electronic Statements – amend Sec. 31.01A to allow counties to send electronic statements at taxpayer's request
2. Mineral Account Statements – amend tax code to require tax statements to be sent to working interest owners instead of royalty interest owners
3. Tax Statements – allows tax bills to be forwarded in the mail at the discretion of the collector. Amend 31.01A to reflect “may (not must)” contain verbiage “RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED”
4. Sec. 31.01 – delete assessment ratio and anything else not needed on tax statements

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Motor Vehicle – (Ongoing Issues to Monitor)

1. Transportation Code Statute Changes
2. Road and Bridge Fee Increases
3. Mandatory Titling of Trailers
4. TxDot study of expenses and possible increases in commissions and fees paid to counties

Platform Items – (Motor Vehicle)

1. Mechanic Liens JP Hearings – tighten rules on mechanic liens. Work with TIADA and TADA
2. Oppose any legislation that would require proof of citizenship when registering or titling a motor vehicle

Voter Registration/Elections – (Ongoing Issues to Monitor)

1. Photo ID to vote

Platform Items – (Voter Registration/Elections)

1. Support legislation to exempt entities with a population <2500 from requirements to provide electronic voting equipment