

BE AWARE OF
SJR 958 – FLORIDA TABOR

WHAT IS TABOR?

TABOR, the so-called “Taxpayers Bill of Rights,” is a constitutional proposal being discussed by our Florida Legislature. It is an idea that would hurt our state’s schools, families, local communities, and economy. And once such limits are embedded in our state’s constitution, it will almost be **IMPOSSIBLE TO REMOVE OR CHANGE**. If approved by the legislature and placed in the state’s constitution, the measure would undermine Florida’s ability to make long-term investments in areas that are key to economic prosperity.

TABOR WOULD UNDERMINE OUR STATE’S ABILITY TO MAKE LOCAL DECISIONS FOR FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES.

Local control is the way each community makes decisions to address its unique priorities and challenges. TABOR would replace local decision-making with a complicated, one-size-fits-all formula on all our state’s cities and towns. Voters in each community should be able to decide issues for themselves.

TABOR WILL HURT SCHOOLS, FAMILIES, AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

Our public schools have already faced deep cuts and more cuts are expected this coming year. TABOR will prevent state and local governments from ever providing adequate funding for our public schools, which will hurt our children’s chances for a quality education and a better future. Seniors could face cuts to important services. Vital public safety services could also face significant cuts. TABOR would simply make tough times tougher for our citizens and communities.

The Florida Taxation and Budget Reform Commission, after a full and extensive consideration in 2008, determined that it was not in the best interest of state residents to adopt a TABOR, and declined to place it on the ballot.

FLORIDA PTA’S POSITION: TAX LIMITATION (1984) The Florida PTA opposes any tax limitation by constitutional amendment, which would limit the progress being made in attaining the state’s goal for education and for programs that promote the welfare of children and youth.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Contact members of the Senate Budget Committee and urge them to **VOTE NO ON SJR 958 – REVENUE LIMITATIONS/TABOR**.