Property Tax Relief Task Force

OVERVIEW

The Property Tax Relief Task Force is a vital part of the fair tax package. Comprised of members of both legislative chambers and both political parties, the group will take a holistic approach toward analyzing the property tax system that is too burdensome to too many Illinois families.

DUTIES

With racial and economic equity guiding its work, the task force will:

- Examine the root causes of high property taxes in communities across the state.
- Assess other states’ legislative solutions to reduce property tax burdens in both the short and long term.
- Propose policy changes that will bring real relief to Illinois homeowners.

REPORTING

As a part of the fair tax package, the task force legislation will require reports to the Governor and the General Assembly with short- and long-term solutions that can take an administrative, electoral or legislative approach. The initial report will be produced within 90 days, and a final report will be due by December 31, 2019.

MEMBERS

The bipartisan, bicameral group will represent the state’s diversity and will be comprised of:

- 2 Members appointed by the Office of the Governor.
- Members from the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House and the House Minority Leader.
- Members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate and the Senate Minority Leader.

Task force members will appoint co-chairs and shall serve without compensation.

COLLABORATION

The legislation specifically calls for collaboration between the task force and any state agencies, including the Department of Revenue, the Illinois State Board of Education, the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget.