

# 3 Steps Needed to Bring Real Property Tax Relief

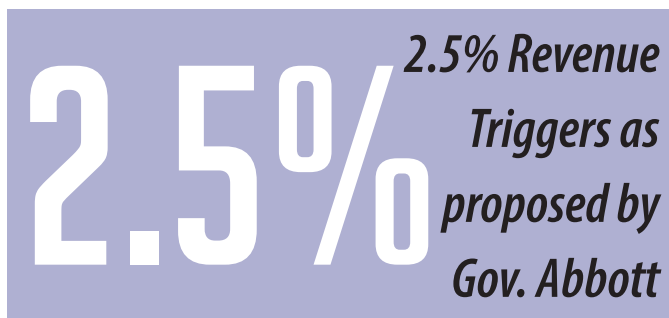
In order to cut Texans' property taxes and not just slow the growth, any property tax plan needs three parts. While these elements can be passed separately, doing so risks providing only part of the comprehensive relief Texans need now. For that reason, the Texas Public Policy Foundation plan calls for a single bill.

## 1. Limit Spending



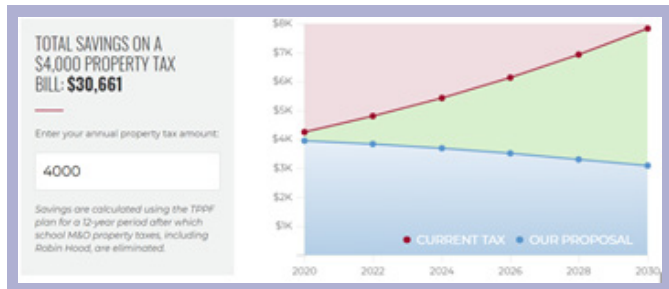
A Conservative Texas Budget limits spending increases to less than population growth & inflation. To add taxpayers in the budget process, limit GRR spending to population growth of 4% and cut property taxes with the rest.

## 2. Impose Revenue Triggers



Cities, counties, and special purpose districts should not use rising property values as an endless stream of new money. Revenue triggers of 2.5% (unless voters approve a higher rate) would limit the escalation of tax bills.

## 3. Eliminate M&O Property Taxes



These steps would let taxpayer dollars collected at the state level above 4% in GRR eliminate school maintenance & operations property taxes in about 11 years. This would provide substantial tax savings as M&O makes up about half of today's property tax burden.