

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HJR 1053
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Impact:	Unknown change to local tax jurisdictions

Research Analysis

HJR1053, as introduced, seeks voter approval for a constitutional amendment to require local taxing jurisdictions to follow new standardized procedures when adopting property tax rates that exceed a revenue-neutral rate. The measure directs county clerks to calculate the revenue-neutral rate—a millage rate that would generate the same total property tax revenue as the previous year, adjusted for current assessed valuations—by June 15 each year and include it in budget notices.

If a taxing subdivision plans to adopt a rate higher than the revenue-neutral rate, it must publish notice of a public hearing at least ten days in advance in both local newspapers and online. County clerks must also notify affected taxpayers by mail or email with information about the hearing, the proposed revenue and rate changes, current property appraisals, and comparisons to the prior year.

Public hearings must be held on or before September 15 and allow for unrestricted taxpayer testimony within reason. Any increase above the revenue-neutral rate must be approved by a majority vote of the governing body through a resolution or ordinance during that hearing. If a taxing subdivision fails to follow these procedures, it must refund the excess taxes collected. All adopted rates must be certified to the county clerk by September 20.

Subdivisions receiving \$5,000 or less in annual property tax revenue are exempt from these requirements.

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Fiscal Analysis

As introduced, HJR 1053 proposes a constitutional amendment that establishes procedural requirements for local taxing jurisdictions when adopting property tax rates that exceed a revenue-neutral rate.

The Oklahoma Tax Commission has provided the following analysis:

ESTIMATED REVENUE IMPACT:

FY28: Unknown change in revenue to local tax jurisdictions.

Tax Years 2024-25 - Applicability of HJR 1053 Procedural Requirements	
HJR 1053 Outcome	Counties
Would have been subject to procedural requirements in both years	51
Would have been subject to procedural requirements in one year only	19
Would not have been subject to procedural requirements in either year	7
Total Counties	77

ANALYSIS: HJR 1053 proposes a constitutional amendment to create Article X, Section 9E of the Oklahoma Constitution, establishing procedural requirements for local taxing jurisdictions that adopt ad valorem tax rates generating revenue in excess of a newly defined revenue neutral level. The measure would require public notice, a public hearing, and a vote of the governing body prior to adoption of such rates.

Historical county millage data indicate that some counties have periodically adopted rates that would have exceeded a revenue-neutral level and therefore would have been subject to the procedural requirements proposed in this measure. However, because taxing jurisdictions would retain the ability to adopt higher rates upon completion of the required procedures, any fiscal impact would depend on future actions of local governing bodies and cannot be determined at this time.

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Other Considerations

None.