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TEXAS SCHOOL TAX RATES IN 1993

The Effects of the Texas School Finance Lawsuit of 1991 (Edgewood II)

In January of 1991 the Texas Supreme Court declared the Texas School Finance System, including County Education Districts (CED), unconstitutional. This ruling by the Supreme Court resulted in school boards across the state of Texas facing the same tax rate issues in 1992 and 1993.

Prior to the court's ruling, tax rates consisted of two components. One component was the rate assessed by the County Education District and the other was the rate assessed by the local school district. In 1993, as a result of the ruling, County Education Districts ceased taxing and local district was required to adopt and assess a tax rate that **included** the portion of the tax rate that had been previously levied by the County Education District.

In short, the 1993 local school tax rate reflected a **combined** tax rate of County Education District and the local school district. The 1992 local school tax rate included only one portion of the rate.