

Taxpayer Impact Statement

House Bill 1522 amends Section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code to add new notice requirements under the Texas Open Meetings Act. Specifically, when a governmental body posts notice of a meeting under Section 551.043(a)(c) at which it will discuss or adopt its budget, the notice must now include a taxpayer impact statement.

The taxpayer impact statement must show, for the median-valued homestead property within the governmental body’s jurisdiction:

- The property tax bill in dollars for the current fiscal year, and
- An estimate of the property tax bill in dollars for the upcoming fiscal year.

This requirement is intended to increase transparency by allowing taxpayers to see how proposed budgets may directly affect their property tax bills.

The Tax Appraisal District of Bell County has proposed budget of \$8,156,031 for 2027 fiscal year. This is an increase of \$380,311 or 4.89% from the adopted 2026 budget of \$7,775,720. The Tax Appraisal District of Bell County does not levy a tax rate and therefore no estimate of impact for a property tax bill is provided.

Budget Year	Median Value of Homesteaded Property	Tax Rate per \$100	Taxes
2026	\$270,492 (2024)	\$0.00	\$0.00
2027	\$271,123 (2025)	\$0.00	\$0.00

2026 Median value of Homesteaded property was not determined at time of posting.