Window on State Government

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TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS

- 1. You have the right to equal and uniform taxation.
- 2. You have the right to ensure that your property is appraised uniformly with similar property in your county.
- 3. You have the right to have your property appraised according to generally accepted appraisal techniques and other requirements of law.
- 4. You have the right to receive exemptions or other tax relief for which you qualify and apply timely.
- 5. You have the right to notice of property value increases, exemption changes, and estimated tax amounts.
- 6. You have the right to inspect non-confidential information used to appraise your property.
- 7. You have the right to protest your property's value and other appraisal matters to an appraisal review board composed of impartial group of citizens in your community.
- 8. You have the right to appeal the appraisal review board's decision to district court in the county where the property is located.
- 9. You have the right to fair treatment by the appraisal district, the appraisal review board, and the tax assessor collector.
- 10. You have the right to voice your opinions at open public meetings about proposed tax rates and to ask questions of the governing body responsible for setting tax rates.
- 11. You have the right to petition local government to call an election to limit a tax increase in certain circumstances.
- 12. You have the right to receive a free copy of the pamphlet entitled Property Tax Payers Remedies published by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.