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Raleigh, NC — Today, the North Carolina **House Select Committee on Property Tax Reduction and Reform** formally recommended a **state constitutional amendment to place responsible limits on local property tax hikes**.

The proposed amendment would require the General Assembly to enact **property tax levy limits**, preventing local governments from increasing property taxes beyond a certain threshold, likely tied to inflation and population growth. States with statutory or constitutional levy limits generally provide defined exceptions, such as for tax increases approved directly by voters.

If passed by the General Assembly this session, the amendment would be placed on the statewide November 3, 2026 ballot for voter approval.

According to [analysis from the John Locke Foundation](#), 9 of North Carolina's 10 most populous counties collected **nearly \$3 billion** more in property taxes over the past decade than what inflation and population growth justify.

Recent [statewide public polling](#) shows overwhelming support for reform, with **76.8%** of respondents saying property taxes are a burden on their household budget and **73.2%** backing a constitutional amendment to limit local increases, consistent with the House's proposal.

House Speaker Destin Hall said, **“Property tax hikes are overburdening North Carolina families, who are footing the bill while some local governments take in far more than inflation and population growth can justify. I applaud the House Select Committee on Property Tax Reduction and Reform for pursuing real reforms like the constitutional amendment on levy limits, which would ease this burden so North Carolinians can keep more of their hard-earned money.”**

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