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State Senator Nathan Johnson Comments on Property Tax Reduction and Education Finance

AUSTIN - Texas State Senator Nathan Johnson filed legislation to address two of this session's emergency items: property tax reduction and education finance.

"Public school finance reform and property tax relief are top priorities this session. And they depend on each other. Neither can be fixed without the state fulfilling its constitutional responsibility to fund our public education system. I filed SB 852 and SJR 40 - to commit the state to funding 50% of public education costs without regard to property tax revenues. This legislation guarantees additional education funding, while at the same time providing an alternative to the aggressive tax caps currently being debated in the Legislature.

"In the last decade, the share of the tax burden paid by residential property owners has increased while that of commercial real property has decreased. I filed SB 853 and SB 854 to correct a section of the tax code that has been exploited to shift the burden of property tax to homeowners and small businesses."

Senator Nathan Johnson was elected in 2018 to represent the economically and demographically diverse Texas Senate District 16. Johnson is a member of the Committees on Health & Human Services, Veteran Affairs & Border Security, Water & Rural Affairs, and Administration.

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