

ATRA OPPOSES SB 1231

The facts do not support this precedent

A variety of arguments have been used to justify setting the precedent of allowing one hospital district the use of sales taxes as opposed to property taxes. The latest argument is that this hospital district (whose boundaries happen to be coterminous with La Paz County's) has less taxable value and as a result, much higher property tax burdens than other areas of the state.

The data below shows that La Paz County actually ranks right in the middle, both in taxable value per capita and property tax burdens, compared to other counties.

SB 1231 sets a dangerous precedent and the facts do not support the arguments.

County	Tax Year 2002 Secondary NAV	NAV Per Capita	Ranking	Average Property Tax Rate Per \$100 assessed value	Ranking
Apache	\$283,294,073	\$4,129	13	7.99	14
Cochise	\$554,220,855	\$4,646	11	12.90	6
Coconino	\$1,084,875,819	\$9,200	2	9.42	13
Gila	\$357,161,346	\$6,946	5	13.14	4
Graham	\$99,614,664	\$2,983	15	10.52	10
Greenlee	\$180,770,442	\$21,777	1	5.79	15
La Paz	\$122,304,607	\$6,190	7	10.92	8
Maricopa	\$24,457,047,282	\$7,655	4	11.94	7
Mohave	\$1,072,413,581	\$6,629	6	10.85	9
Navajo	\$592,604,484	\$5,918	9	9.88	12
Pima	\$4,835,561,219	\$5,603	10	16.72	1
Pinal	\$863,865,161	\$4,574	12	16.42	2
Santa Cruz	\$235,055,570	\$5,937	8	13.14	5
Yavapai	\$1,450,497,580	\$8,265	3	10.44	11
Yuma	\$615,920,229	\$3,734	14	14.23	3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Revenue.