

ATRA OPPOSES SB 1231

The facts on Health and Hospital Districts

An argument used by the proponents of SB 1231 is that the La Paz Hospital District does not have a sufficient property tax base to fund its operations and as such, deserves special consideration for their financing. The following tax rate and assessed value data for hospital districts suggest that many other hospital districts can make the argument more effectively than La Paz. In fact, you will note that the La Paz Hospital District levies the lowest tax rate of those levying property taxes.

Health & Hospital Districts	Tax Rate	Assessed Valuation
Navapache Hospital District	0.0000	\$569,698
Northern Apache County Health Care District	1.3514	\$46,122,035
White Mountain Health Care District	0.6600	\$80,277,086
Northern Cochise Hospital	1.0583	\$102,616,061
San Pedro Valley Hospital	0.9000	\$68,914,781
Page Hospital	0.9946	\$124,966,673
Williams Hospital	0.9769	\$75,751,573
Mt. Graham Hospital District	0.0000	\$99,080,450
La Paz Hospital District*	0.6600	\$122,304,607
Hospital District #1 (Maricopa)	0.0000	n/a
Ajo-Lukeville Health	0.7500	\$12,762,849
Hospital District #1 (Pinal)	0.0000	\$268,469,748

*Effective tax year 2003.