



To: TARS Membership
From: Michael Lee and Leigh Ann Glaze
Re: Bettencourt's Bill to change election dates

July 31, 2018

Dear Superintendents:

Did you read Joe Smith's comments on www.texasisd.com today? Senator Bettencourt is set to file a bill that will limit school districts to set a TRE or bond election on the November election date. I would encourage you to read his statement on the following link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5_wAPuk6FgyX0JfcDJ2dFVpRjltYUJDMWZhVjhBTZKYno0/view

We need your feedback on this issue. Please feel free to contact Michael at tarsed@centex.net or Leigh Ann at tars@centex.net. I had always tried to schedule a bond or TRE earlier than November so that we could send out one tax notice. Property tax owners found it confusing to receive two tax notices since the notices go out in October for all entities. We would appreciate your input and ideas on this issue as we move forward in our preparation for the upcoming Legislative Session.

Sincerely,
Michael Lee

Upcoming TARS Events

- **August 3 & 4, 2018** - TARS Officer and Regional Director Planning Retreat - San Saba, Texas.
- **August 8, 2018** - House of Representatives Public Education Committee Meeting - 9:00 AM, E2.036, Texas Capitol.
- **August, 9, 2018** - Texas Commission on Public School Finance - 9:00 am Texas Education Agency - work group only meeting, not the full Commission.



THE MAJOR THRUST OF TARS IS THREEFOLD:

- To protect the “small school formulas/adjustment,”
- To protect the valuation of agricultural land according to its productivity only, and
 - To fight efforts toward consolidation of small school districts.