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## Pa. Senate Votes For \$45 Billion Budget Deal That Includes \$140 Million Boost For Property Tax, Rent Relief Program

By Sen. Lisa Boscola

HARRISBURG - Democratic state Sen. Lisa Boscola of Northampton County, speaking on the Senate floor Friday, expressed her disgust with the lack of progress.

"We just can't do things right in this chamber anymore," she said.

Late Thursday night, a Boscola proposal to do away with property taxes completely by 2026 — via a constitutional amendment — was voted down in the Senate Rules Committee.

The proposal said, "No school district may levy a real property tax on a homestead or farmstead after June 30, 2026." It sought to replace the lost revenue with a mix of other taxes.

On Friday, she called property taxes "the number one issue" people want lawmakers to act on in Harrisburg.

The constitutional amendment process includes having the public make a decision on a referendum question. Boscola said, "We missed the mark by not bringing that question of property taxes to the voters."

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