Senate Bill 3 Informed Voting

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

On April 7, 2026, voters in Christian County will consider a ballot measure related to property taxes titled “Senate Bill 3.” The public entities funded through property taxes, such Ozark and Nixa fire districts, schools, senior services, CC Links, and other essential community services, want voters to understand the potential impact of this measure before casting their ballot.

APRIL 7 BALLOT LANGUAGE

“Shall the County of Christian exempt eligible taxpayers from certain property tax increases on eligible taxpayers’ primary residence above the tax liability incurred during the taxpayers' initial credit year?”

Senate Bill 3 and Christian County:

- If approved, Senate Bill 3 would result in at least flat funding and potentially a reduction in funding for entities (like schools, fire districts, and other tax-funded groups) that rely on local property tax revenue.
- Senior citizens’ property taxes are not impacted by the vote on Senate Bill 3 since they can apply to have their taxes frozen (through Senate Bill 190).
- Flat funding or a reduction of funding will result in a reduction in services. When funding doesn’t increase or stays the same, entities have to make cuts when things cost more (inflation, utilities, cost of living, insurance, etc.). This can be first responder services, senior citizen services, or services provided to students.
- For schools and fire districts (like Ozark and Nixa), 80-85% of funds are spent on staffing.
- Since around 80-85% of all money is used to pay staff for schools and Nixa & Ozark Fire Districts, when cuts are made, those cuts can directly impact people.
- For schools, property taxes are used to pay staff. Building projects are paid for through voter-approved bonds that cannot be used for paying teachers and staff.
- For the Christian County Senior Fund and CC Links, 100% of their funding directly impacts people living in Christian County. Any cuts that have to be made due to a change in funding will result in a reduction in services.

Ozark Fire District Missouri

Nixa FD MO

Christian County Senior Fund

CC LINKS

NIXA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SPOKANE Owls

CLEVER BLUEJAYS

Paid for by Nixa Public Schools, Ozark School District, Nixa Fire District, Ozark Fire District, CC Links, Sparta School District, Clever School District, Chadwick School District, Christian County Senior Fund, & Billings School District

The entities of the county want to inform citizens what would happen if the measure passes and cuts have to be made to programs and services.

If you have questions, please reach out to the various entities to know how this ballot measure will impact them.

Learn more at **www.SB3ChristianCounty.net**