

Early Voting
Wednesday August 28, 2013
through
Tuesday September 10, 2013
Election Day
Saturday, September 14, 2013

Early Voting Locations

Gilmer Administration Building
500 S Trinity, Gilmer, TX
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Aug 28 – Sept 9
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Sept 9 and 10

Mobile Locations:

Bruce Jr. High Foyer
Sept 4, 7:30 a.m. – Noon
Gilmer Elementary Foyer
Sept 5, 7:30 a.m. – Noon
Gilmer Intermediate Foyer
Sept 6, 7:30 a.m. – Noon
Gilmer High School Cafeteria
Sept 6, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Election Day Voting Locations

Gilmer High School
East Mountain Municipal Building
Ewell Community Center
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**The results of Voting FOR
Approving the \$1.315 Tax Rate**

1. Total tax rate this year will remain \$1.185 due to the commitment of the GISD School Board to reduce I&S taxes from \$0.145 to \$0.015.
2. District **will** receive \$205,000 in additional state funds each year under current funding formulas.
3. M&O tax rate will be \$1.17 and the I&S rate will be \$0.015 for a total tax rate of \$1.185.

**The results of Voting AGAINST
Approving the \$1.315 Tax Rate**

1. Total tax rate this year will remain \$1.185.
2. District **will NOT** receive \$205,000 in additional state funds each year under current funding formulas.
3. M&O tax rate will be \$1.04 and the I&S rate will be \$0.145 for a total tax rate of \$1.185.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

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Tax Ratification Election

Saturday,
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2013

Gilmer
Independent
School
District



GILMER
INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Frequently asked questions about the TRE:

What is a TRE Election? State law now requires school districts to hold a Tax Ratification Election (TRE) in order to approve any tax rate that is above \$1.04 for maintenance and operations (M&O.) The TRE Election will allow GISD to increase the maintenance and operation tax by thirteen cents while reducing the Interest & Sinking (I&S) tax by that same 13 cents.

Why is Gilmer ISD holding a Tax Ratification Election? The Gilmer ISD Board of Trustees has called a Tax Ratification Election to:

- Take advantage of state incentives to school districts that invest additional local dollars in the education of their children and thus gain an additional \$205,000 in state funding.

Will my taxes go up?

No. The Gilmer ISD Board has adopted a budget that includes no tax increases, whether the TRE passes or does not pass. In addition, the Upshur County Appraisal District valuations have decreased this year.

Then why will the ballot show an increased tax rate of \$1.315?

A school district is required to adopt a budget for maintenance & operations and another budget for interest & sinking (debt.) The GISD Board has legally pledged to use the 13 cent increase from the TRE to decrease budgeted debt by 13 cents. So, the net increase in the total tax rate will be \$0.

How will the school benefit?

Under current school finance formulas and incentives, the passage of the TRE will result in an annual gain of \$205,000 for the school district.

VOTE

How will the proposition be worded on the ballot?

PROPOSITION

Approving the ad valorem tax rate of \$1.315 per \$100 valuation in Gilmer Independent School District for the current year. A rate that is \$0.13 higher per \$100 valuation than the School District rollback tax rate.

- FOR
- AGAINST

The GISD Board of Trustees has already passed a compound motion that legally obligates them to maintain a tax rate of \$1.185 regardless of the outcome of the TRE.

