



**OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM  
STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**MESSAGE**

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**TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH TEXAS LEGISLATURE, FIRST CALLED SESSION:**

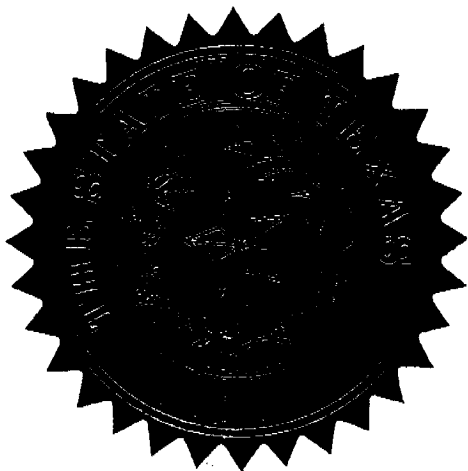
WHEREAS, the people of Texas through their state constitution have placed the power to call the legislature into special session in the hands of the chief executive officer of the state; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Seventy-Ninth Texas Legislature, First Called Session, have now convened to consider items presented to them by the governor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK PERRY, Governor of the State of Texas, by the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 8 and Article III, Section 40 of the Texas Constitution, do hereby present the following subject matter to the Seventy-Ninth Texas Legislature, First Called Session for consideration:

Legislation to provide ad valorem tax relief and protect taxpayers.

Legislation and a constitutional amendment to increase the homestead ad valorem tax exemption.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I  
have signed my name officially  
and caused the Seal of the State  
to be affixed hereto at Austin,  
this \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2005.

*Rick Perry*  
RICK PERRY  
Governor of Texas