

BALDWIN COUNTY

SPLOST

FOR EDUCATION



EARLY VOTING

FEBRUARY 24-MARCH 14
SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025
SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025

SPLOST FOR EDUCATION

SPLOST STANDS FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX. THIS IS A ONE CENT TAX THAT IS VOTED ON BY AND APPLIED TO ANY TAXED PURCHASES IN THE COUNTY. THIS TAX CAN BE APPLIED FOR NO LONGER THAN 5 YEARS BEFORE IT MUST BE RENEWED BY A VOTE. SPLOST FOR EDUCATION ALLOWS SCHOOL SYSTEMS TO BUILD NEW SCHOOLS, RENOVATE EXISTING SCHOOLS, AND PURCHASE OTHER CAPITAL SUCH AS BUSES, INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY, AND CAFETERIA EQUIPMENT.

WILL SPLOST RAISE MY PROPERTY TAXES?

NO. SPLOST WILL NOT RAISE PROPERTY TAXES. SPLOST IS A CONSUMPTION TAX. THE ONE CENT TAX WILL BE APPLIED TO ALL RETAIL PURCHASES AND IT IS AN EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT SALES TAX THAT HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BY THE CITIZENS OF BALDWIN COUNTY FOR OVER 25 YEARS. THROUGH SPLOST, THOSE WHO DO NOT OWN PROPERTY IN BALDWIN COUNTY WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EDUCATION SYSTEM. THE TAX IS CHARGED ON GOODS PURCHASED IN BALDWIN COUNTY, NO MATTER WHERE THE PERSON RESIDES.

DON'T MY PROPERTY TAXES ALREADY PAY FOR THIS?

NO. SPLOST ALLOWS THE SCHOOL SYSTEM TO IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE AS WELL AS OTHER CAPITAL NEEDS IT CANNOT BE USED FOR SALARIES OR OPERATIONAL COSTS. 85 % OF THE MONEY GENERATED FROM PROPERTY TAXES GOES DIRECTLY TO SALARIES OF THE TEACHERS, SUPPORT STAFF, BUS DRIVERS, FOOD SERVICE, CUSTODIANS, AND OTHER STAFF. THE OTHER 15 % OF THE OPERATING BUDGET INCLUDES EXPENSES SUCH AS TEXTBOOKS, GENERAL MAINTENANCE, AND UTILITIES.

WHAT CAN SPLOST BE USED FOR?

SPLOST CAN BE USED TO BUILD NEW SCHOOLS, UPGRADE TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE, PURCHASE DIGITAL DEVICES TO BE USED IN THE SCHOOLS, AND ANY OTHER CAPITAL NEEDS THE SCHOOL SYSTEM MAY HAVE. THE SPLOST MONEY CANNOT BE USED FOR SALARIES OR OPERATIONAL COSTS. THE SPLOST MONEY MUST BE USED ON CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT WILL IMPROVE THE SCHOOLS IN BALDWIN COUNTY. THE SPLOST FOR EDUCATION ALSO ALLOWS BALDWIN COUNTY SCHOOLS TO ENHANCE SAFETY AND SECURITY, PURCHASE NEW BUSES, MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO ATHLETIC FACILITIES, AS WELL AS ENERGY EFFICIENT IMPROVEMENTS TO MAINTAIN OUR SCHOOLS.