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## Will State Property Tax Be Abolished?

 propery tax has reported in the press. To date the issue has not reached the point where it is being debated but the proposal was in the news two wecks ant whiges and bers of he Texas Municipal Leagen Connally bring the subject up at their state-wide meetingsGov. Connally, by his utterances, is giving new emphasis
to the drive of proponents who desire to eliminate the state to the drive of proponents who desire to elimiate
collection of an advalorem tax. The argument which has been set forth is one which county and city officials like wholeheart governments.
The governor was specific in his thinking. He is now ad
vocating a "phasing out" of the ad valorem tax by the State vocating a "phasing out" of the ad valorem tax by the State
of Texas. As he pointed out, it will require a constitutiona of endment, and, as he stated, "a period of readjustment. The tax has collected for the state approximately $\$ 40$
millions a year, but it provides only 2.7 per cent of the rev enue which Texas collects.
The governor recognized that there will never be a con
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amendment before the people. He drove home his thinking by amendment before the people. "e drove home his thinking by saying, all that is needed as the couraged by all persons in re sponsible position who desire more self-government. the large cities of of Texas for semenure of officials from somes of tax. This propos
al, when, and if. it will be submitted to the voters will cause al. when, and if. it will be submitted to the voters, will cause
an uproar such as the one heard when the state sales tax was debated.
Memphis and Hall County are no different from the rest
of the state. Officials can always use additional revenue to pay for the services which the citizens demand. They recognize the fact that local government is costing more each year. The
only way additional revenue is now being collected ftom the ad valorem taitonal In remenue places is it comes about by increasing
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the or the value of froperty. In cities and countiee the or the value of property. In cities and counties which are
adding property to the tax rolls, the matter is automatially

inue to rise in future years. For this reason, there are spokes men who have started to advocate an increase in the state sales tax to get this neewed money. One proposal is to increase ales tax to get this needed money. One propoaal is to increase crease of that which the citizens are now paying.
Whether the state Whether the state ad valorem tax will be by the next session of the State Legislature is yet to be seen
But the next few months will be deverted by But the next few months will be devoted by mat
responsible positions to the governor s proposal.

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