

Opinion: Convene a Constitutional Convention to Tackle Property-Tax Crisis

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When the current New Jersey Constitution was enacted, less than two years had elapsed since the end of World War II. Harry Truman was president. Jackie Robinson became the first African American to play major league baseball, and there were 48 states in the Union.

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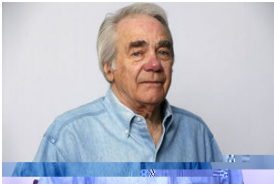
There have been numerous amendments adopted since the 1947 governing document was approved — a unified court system, establishment of a state lottery, legalized casino gambling, creating the office of lieutenant governor, among the more prominent — but scant attention has been paid over the years to utilizing the constitution to create a modern state-tax structure, particularly as it relates to property taxes.

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It's been nearly three-quarters of a century since adoption of the current constitution. In that time, society, government and politics have experienced dramatic changes and advancements in virtually every field of endeavor.

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