

Vehicle Registration Data From Other States

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Current Texas Registration Fees

- ◆ Passenger Cars
 - Based on Age or Weight (over 6,000 lbs.)
 - \$40.80-\$61.30+
- ◆ Light Trucks
 - Based on Weight
 - \$29.70-\$64.90
- ◆ Motorcycles and Mopeds
 - \$30.30
- ◆ A taxing jurisdiction may add an additional amount of up to \$11.50 (\$1.50 – child safety fee; \$10.00 – county road and bridge tax)
 - Hidalgo County \$10 additional for transportation purposes

The Rate in Texas vs. Other States

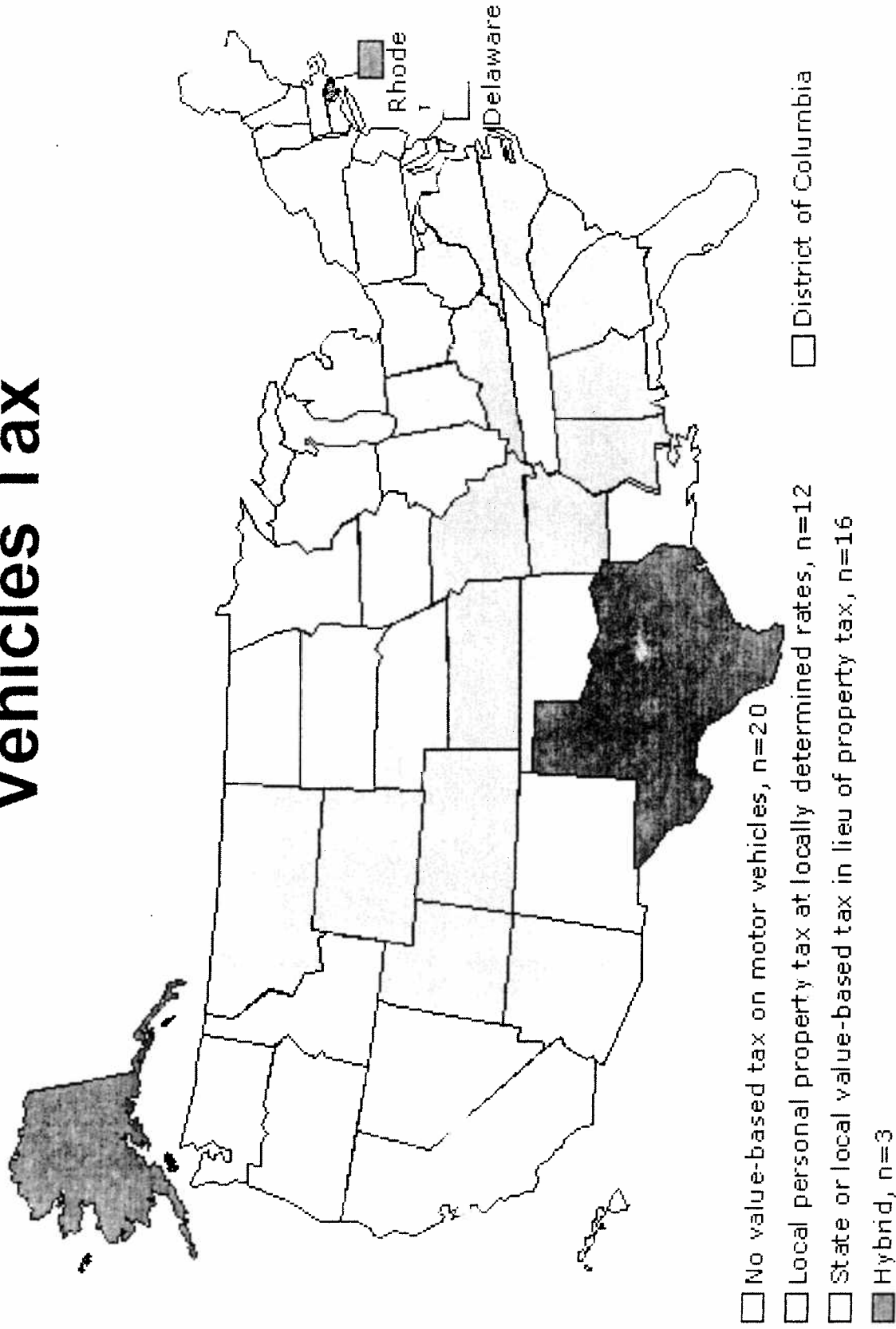
Data was gathered from all 50 states plus Washington D.C. and sorted highest to lowest

Texas is Ranked:

- ◆ Base State Registration Fee – 12th highest
 - Highest: \$228.00 (IA); Lowest: \$8.00 (AZ)
- ◆ Total State Registration Related Costs – 22nd Highest
 - Highest: \$401.51 (ME); Lowest: \$12.00 (SC)
 - Includes annual excise/property taxes, miscellaneous fees
- ◆ Total State and Local¹ Registration Related Costs – 39th Highest
 - Highest: \$542.09 (RI); Lowest: \$22.00 (LA)
 - Includes state base fee, excise taxes, other fees, local taxes

¹Local registration measured for the city in each state with the highest local fees. Other cities in each state may have lower total registration costs.

National Use of a Value Based Motor Vehicle Tax



Source: National Conference of State Legislatures *State and Local Value-Based Taxes on Motor Vehicles*

The Texas Local Option Vehicle Property Tax

- ◆ A value-based tax currently in use by some taxing jurisdictions
- ◆ Taxing units may tax non-income producing personal property, if the taxing units follow certain hearing and notice requirements set out in Tax Code Section 11.14.
- ◆ This non-income producing personal property includes private autos, boats, and airplanes

Current Usage of a Texas Vehicle Property Tax

- ◆ About 1 in 25 jurisdictions levy a personal property tax
- ◆ Vehicles are assessed at 100% of market value as determined by NADA blue book
- ◆ In 2003 this tax was imposed by 24 county appraisal districts which reported that 91 taxing units taxed non-income producing personal property, including 13 counties 20 cities, 36 school districts, and 22 special districts.