

# **TEXAS HEMP SOVEREIGNTY AND RURAL ENERGY ACT**

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**One bold bill restores hemp as Texas' ultimate freedom crop — empowering farmers and rural communities to grow, process, and produce their own energy at the local level while generating new revenue to crush property taxes faster.**

## **Why Hemp Matters for Texas**

During World War II, the U.S. government actively encouraged farmers to grow hemp for vital fiber needs. In the decades that followed, heavy restrictions on hemp were driven more by protecting powerful petrochemical, timber, and pharmaceutical interests than by public safety concerns.

Hemp seeds can be turned into biodiesel, while the stalks and hurds produce ethanol and biogas. Acre for acre, hemp ranks among the highest-yielding plants for both biofuel and fiber.

## **The Path Forward: True Decentralized Energy Sovereignty**

Hemp is a regional crop that grows where people live — therefore energy from hemp should be produced where people live. Instead of repeating the old centralized model with massive refineries controlled by distant corporations, Texas will prioritize small-scale, community-owned micro-refineries. Farmers and local co-ops will control their own fuel supply, processing, and storage.

## **5 Game-Changing Wins for Energy Sovereignty and Rural Texas:**

- 1. Full Industrial Hemp Freedom** — Remove unnecessary barriers for low-THC industrial hemp grown for fiber, grain, or biomass. Priority licensing for Texas-owned operations, veterans, and rural landowners. All hemp production and processing shall comply with the **Texas Sovereignty & Influence Shield Act** to ensure Texas assets remain under Texas control.
- 2. Pilot Program for Decentralized Micro-Refineries** — Launch a statewide pilot program for 25-acre community and farm-scale hemp biofuel facilities. Provide **Texas Freedom Fund** grants, state tax credits, and expedited state permitting for local processing of full hemp biomass — seeds for biodiesel and stalks/hurds for ethanol, biogas, fiber, hempcrete, and other bioproducts. Producer-owned co-ops receive priority support to keep profits and energy production local, including the approved use of hempseed cake and spent biomass as high-protein livestock feed for Texas cattle, horses, and poultry.

3. **Texas-First Processing & Oil & Gas Integration** — Fast-track co-location of hemp micro-refineries with existing oil and gas infrastructure. 100% Texas-owned companies receive full **Freedom Fund** capital rebates on qualifying production and processing facilities.
4. **Texas Hemp Innovation Center** — Partner with Texas A&M AgriLife to develop high-yield varieties, advanced biofuel conversion, hempcrete for affordable rural housing, biocomposites, safe high-CBD extraction as a value-added co-product, and protocols for using spent hemp byproducts in livestock feed. Position Texas as the national leader in true multi-use industrial hemp.
5. **Direct Revenue to Property Tax Relief** — All new state tax revenue from hemp production, processing, biofuels, and bioproducts flows straight into the **Texas Freedom Fund**. When combined with the **Cultivate Texas Act** and **Texas Freedom Act**, this package accelerates property tax cuts — 50% in the first term and full elimination by 2038 or sooner.

**Sunset Clause** — All incentives, rebates, grants, and pilot program funding under this Act sunset on December 31, 2038, or upon full elimination of school property taxes, whichever occurs first.

**This is responsible hemp freedom the Texas way** — with local control, full biomass use (fuel + feed + fiber + construction + wellness co-products), proven environmental benefits, and genuine economic opportunity for rural Texas. No chaos — just real energy sovereignty, thousands of new jobs, stronger soil, cheaper energy and feed inputs, and power returned to Texas farmers and families.

**Revenue-positive | Rural-positive | Farmer-first | Texas Sovereignty-first | Energy Independence**

***“Cultivating A Better Texas”***

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