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H.B. No. 335

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a limitation on increases in the appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1.12(d), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) For purposes of this section, the appraisal ratio of real property ~~[a homestead]~~ to which Section 23.23 applies is the ratio of the property's market value as determined by the appraisal district or appraisal review board, as applicable, to the market value of the property according to law. The appraisal ratio is not calculated according to the appraised value of the property as limited by Section 23.23.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 23.23, Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 23.23. LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY ~~[RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD]~~.

SECTION 3. Section 23.23, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), (c), and (e) and adding Subsections (c-2), (c-3), and (c-4) to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding the requirements of Section 25.18 and regardless of whether the appraisal office has appraised the property and determined the market value of the property for the tax year, an appraisal office may increase the appraised value of real

1 property [~~a residence homestead~~] for a tax year to an amount not to  
2 exceed the lesser of:

3 (1) the market value of the property for the most  
4 recent tax year that the market value was determined by the  
5 appraisal office; or

6 (2) the sum of:

7 (A) five [~~10~~] percent of the appraised value of  
8 the property for the preceding tax year;

9 (B) the appraised value of the property for the  
10 preceding tax year; and

11 (C) the market value of all new improvements to  
12 the property.

13 (b) When appraising real property [~~a residence homestead~~],  
14 the chief appraiser shall:

15 (1) appraise the property at its market value; and

16 (2) include in the appraisal records both the market  
17 value of the property and the amount computed under Subsection  
18 (a)(2).

19 (c) The limitation provided by Subsection (a) takes effect  
20 on January 1 of the tax year following the first tax year in which  
21 the owner owns the property on January 1 [~~as to a residence~~  
22 ~~homestead on January 1 of the tax year following the first tax year~~  
23 ~~the owner qualifies the property for an exemption under Section~~  
24 ~~11.13~~]. Except as provided by Subsection (c-2) or (c-3), the [~~The~~]  
25 limitation expires on January 1 of the first tax year following the  
26 year in which [~~that neither~~] the owner of the property ceases to own  
27 the property.

(c-2) If property subject to a limitation under this section  
qualifies for an exemption under Section 11.13 when the ownership  
of the property is transferred to the owner's spouse or surviving  
spouse, the limitation expires on January 1 of the first tax year  
following the year in which ~~[when the limitation took effect nor]~~  
the owner's spouse or surviving spouse ceases to own the property,  
unless the limitation is further continued under this subsection on  
the subsequent transfer to a spouse or surviving spouse ~~[qualifies~~  
~~for an exemption under Section 11.13]~~.

(c-3) If property subject to a limitation under Subsection  
(a), other than a residence homestead, is owned by two or more  
persons, the limitation expires on January 1 of the first tax year  
following the year in which the ownership of at least a 50 percent  
interest in the property is sold or otherwise transferred.

(c-4) For purposes of applying the limitation provided by  
this section, a person who acquired real property in a tax year  
before the 2023 tax year, other than property that qualified as the  
residence homestead of the person under Section 11.13 in the 2023  
tax year, is considered to have acquired the property on January 1,  
2023.

(e) In this section, "new improvement" means an improvement  
to real property ~~[a residence homestead]~~ made after the most recent  
appraisal of the property that increases the market value of the  
property and the value of which is not included in the appraised  
value of the property for the preceding tax year. The term does not  
include repairs to or ordinary maintenance of an existing structure  
or the grounds or another feature of the property.

SECTION 4. Section 42.26(d), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) For purposes of this section, the value of the property subject to the suit and the value of a comparable property or sample property that is used for comparison must be the market value determined by the appraisal district when the property is [~~a residence homestead~~] subject to the limitation on appraised value imposed by Section 23.23.

SECTION 5. Sections 403.302(d) and (i), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(d) For the purposes of this section, "taxable value" means the market value of all taxable property less:

(1) the total dollar amount of any residence homestead exemptions lawfully granted under Section 11.13(b) or (c), Tax Code, in the year that is the subject of the study for each school district;

(2) one-half of the total dollar amount of any residence homestead exemptions granted under Section 11.13(n), Tax Code, in the year that is the subject of the study for each school district;

(3) the total dollar amount of any exemptions granted before May 31, 1993, within a reinvestment zone under agreements authorized by Chapter 312, Tax Code;

(4) subject to Subsection (e), the total dollar amount of any captured appraised value of property that:

(A) is within a reinvestment zone created on or before May 31, 1999, or is proposed to be included within the

1 boundaries of a reinvestment zone as the boundaries of the zone and  
2 the proposed portion of tax increment paid into the tax increment  
3 fund by a school district are described in a written notification  
4 provided by the municipality or the board of directors of the zone  
5 to the governing bodies of the other taxing units in the manner  
6 provided by former Section 311.003(e), Tax Code, before May 31,  
7 1999, and within the boundaries of the zone as those boundaries  
8 existed on September 1, 1999, including subsequent improvements to  
9 the property regardless of when made;

10 (B) generates taxes paid into a tax increment  
11 fund created under Chapter 311, Tax Code, under a reinvestment zone  
12 financing plan approved under Section 311.011(d), Tax Code, on or  
13 before September 1, 1999; and

14 (C) is eligible for tax increment financing under  
15 Chapter 311, Tax Code;

16 (5) the total dollar amount of any captured appraised  
17 value of property that:

18 (A) is within a reinvestment zone:

19 (i) created on or before December 31, 2008,  
20 by a municipality with a population of less than 18,000; and

21 (ii) the project plan for which includes  
22 the alteration, remodeling, repair, or reconstruction of a  
23 structure that is included on the National Register of Historic  
24 Places and requires that a portion of the tax increment of the zone  
25 be used for the improvement or construction of related facilities  
26 or for affordable housing;

27 (B) generates school district taxes that are paid

1 into a tax increment fund created under Chapter 311, Tax Code; and

2 (C) is eligible for tax increment financing under  
3 Chapter 311, Tax Code;

4 (6) the total dollar amount of any exemptions granted  
5 under Section 11.251 or 11.253, Tax Code;

6 (7) the difference between the comptroller's estimate  
7 of the market value and the productivity value of land that  
8 qualifies for appraisal on the basis of its productive capacity,  
9 except that the productivity value estimated by the comptroller may  
10 not exceed the fair market value of the land;

11 (8) the portion of the appraised value of residence  
12 homesteads of individuals who receive a tax limitation under  
13 Section 11.26, Tax Code, on which school district taxes are not  
14 imposed in the year that is the subject of the study, calculated as  
15 if the residence homesteads were appraised at the full value  
16 required by law;

17 (9) a portion of the market value of property not  
18 otherwise fully taxable by the district at market value because of  
19 action required by statute or the constitution of this state, other  
20 than Section 11.311, Tax Code, that, if the tax rate adopted by the  
21 district is applied to it, produces an amount equal to the  
22 difference between the tax that the district would have imposed on  
23 the property if the property were fully taxable at market value and  
24 the tax that the district is actually authorized to impose on the  
25 property, if this subsection does not otherwise require that  
26 portion to be deducted;

27 (10) the market value of all tangible personal

property, other than manufactured homes, owned by a family or individual and not held or used for the production of income;

(11) the appraised value of property the collection of delinquent taxes on which is deferred under Section 33.06, Tax Code;

(12) the portion of the appraised value of property the collection of delinquent taxes on which is deferred under Section 33.065, Tax Code;

(13) the amount by which the market value of real property [~~a residence homestead~~] to which Section 23.23, Tax Code, applies exceeds the appraised value of that property as calculated under that section; and

(14) the total dollar amount of any exemptions granted under Section 11.35, Tax Code.

(i) If the comptroller determines in the study that the market value of property in a school district as determined by the appraisal district that appraises property for the school district, less the total of the amounts and values listed in Subsection (d) as determined by that appraisal district, is valid, the comptroller, in determining the taxable value of property in the school district under Subsection (d), shall for purposes of Subsection (d)(13) subtract from the market value as determined by the appraisal district of properties [~~residence homesteads~~] to which Section 23.23, Tax Code, applies the amount by which that amount exceeds the appraised value of those properties as calculated by the appraisal district under Section 23.23, Tax Code. If the comptroller determines in the study that the market value of property in a

1 school district as determined by the appraisal district that  
2 appraises property for the school district, less the total of the  
3 amounts and values listed in Subsection (d) as determined by that  
4 appraisal district, is not valid, the comptroller, in determining  
5 the taxable value of property in the school district under  
6 Subsection (d), shall for purposes of Subsection (d)(13) subtract  
7 from the market value as estimated by the comptroller of properties  
8 [~~residence homesteads~~] to which Section 23.23, Tax Code, applies  
9 the amount by which that amount exceeds the appraised value of those  
10 properties as calculated by the appraisal district under Section  
11 23.23, Tax Code.

12 SECTION 6. Section 23.23(c-1), Tax Code, is repealed.

13 SECTION 7. This Act applies only to the appraisal for ad  
14 valorem tax purposes of real property for a tax year that begins on  
15 or after the effective date of this Act.

16 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect January 1, 2024, but only  
17 if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 88th Legislature,  
18 Regular Session, 2023, to authorize the legislature to limit the  
19 maximum appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax  
20 purposes to 105 percent or more of the appraised value of the  
21 property for the preceding tax year is approved by the voters. If  
22 that amendment is not approved by the voters, this Act has no  
23 effect.