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H.B. No. 3966

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the margin of error to be used by the comptroller of
3 public accounts in connection with the property value study to
4 determine whether the local value for a school district is valid.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 403.302(c), Government Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (c) If after conducting the study the comptroller
9 determines that the local value for a school district is valid, the
10 local value is presumed to represent taxable value for the school
11 district. In the absence of that presumption, taxable value for a
12 school district is the state value for the school district
13 determined by the comptroller under Subsections (a) and (b) unless
14 the local value exceeds the state value, in which case the taxable
15 value for the school district is the district's local value. In
16 determining whether the local value for a school district is valid,
17 the comptroller shall use a margin of error that does not exceed 10
18 [~~five~~] percent unless the comptroller determines that the size of
19 the sample of properties necessary to make the determination makes
20 the use of such a margin of error not feasible, in which case the
21 comptroller may use a larger margin of error.

22 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
23 to the study conducted under Section 403.302, Government Code, for
24 a tax year that begins on or after January 1, 2024. The study for a

1 tax year that begins before that date is covered by the law in
2 effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the
3 prior law is continued in effect for that purpose.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.