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H.B. No. 5296

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of certain school districts to impose an ad valorem tax.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11.301, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (c), (c-1), and (c-2) to read as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, a [A] school district or county system operating under former Chapter 17, 18, 22, 25, 26, 27, or 28 on May 1, 1995, may continue to operate under the applicable chapter as that chapter existed on that date and under state law generally applicable to school districts that does not conflict with that chapter.

(c) Notwithstanding any other law, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, a school district operating under former Chapter 26, as that chapter existed on May 1, 1995, may not impose an ad valorem tax for any purpose.

(c-1) Notwithstanding any other law, a school district operating under former Chapter 26, as that chapter existed on May 1, 1995, may not adopt an ad valorem tax rate for any purpose that exceeds:

(1) for the 2023-2024 school year, 75 percent of the tax rate imposed by the district for the 2022-2023 school year;

(2) for the 2024-2025 school year, 50 percent of the

1 tax rate imposed by the district for the 2022-2023 school year; and
2 (3) for the 2025-2026 school year, 25 percent of the
3 tax rate imposed by the district for the 2022-2023 school year.
4 (c-2) Subsection (c-1) and this subsection expire September
5 1, 2026.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.