By: Bettencourt S.B. No. 1819

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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- 2 relating to the authority of the governing body of a school district
- 3 to adopt an ad valorem tax rate that exceeds the district's
- 4 voter-approval tax rate.

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- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Section 26.042, Tax Code, is amended by adding
- 7 Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:
- 8 (e-1) The governing body of a school district may not adopt
- 9 <u>a tax rate under Subsection (e) for a tax year in which:</u>
- 10 (1) the governing body previously adopted a tax rate
- 11 that exceeded the district's voter-approval tax rate;
- 12 (2) an election was held under Section 26.08 for the
- 13 purpose of determining whether to approve the district's adopted
- 14 tax rate; and
- 15 (3) the proposition to approve the district's adopted
- 16 tax rate was not approved by the voters of the district at the
- 17 <u>election</u>.
- SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to an
- 19 ad valorem tax year that begins on or after the effective date of
- 20 this Act.
- 21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.