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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

## AN ACT

2 relating to a limitation on increases in the appraised value of 3 certain commercial real property for ad valorem tax purposes.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 1.12(d), Tax Code, as effective until
6 January 1, 2027, is amended to read as follows:

(d) For purposes of this section, the appraisal ratio of property to which Section 23.23, [or] 23.231, or 23.232 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, [or] 23.231, or 23.232.

SECTION 2. Section 1.12(d), Tax Code, as effective January 15 1, 2027, is amended to read as follows:

(d) For purposes of this section, the appraisal ratio of <u>property</u> [a homestead] to which Section 23.23 or 23.232 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 or 23.232.

23 SECTION 3. Section 23.231(c), Tax Code, is amended to read 24 as follows:

1 (c) This section does not apply to: 2 (1)a residence homestead that qualifies for an 3 exemption under Section 11.13; [or] 4 property to which Section 23.232 applies; or (2) 5 (3) property appraised under Subchapter C, D, E, F, G, or H. 6 7 SECTION 4. Subchapter B, Chapter 23, Tax Code, is amended by 8 adding Section 23.232 to read as follows: Sec. 23.232. LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF CERTAIN 9 COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY. (a) In this section: 10 (1) "Commercial real property" means real property 11 12 that is held or used for the production of income. (2) "Disaster recovery program" means a disaster 13 recovery program funded with community development block grant 14 15 disaster recovery money authorized by federal law. 16 (3) "New improvement" means an improvement to 17 commercial real property made after the most recent appraisal of the property that increases the market value of the property and the 18 19 value of which is not included in the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year. The term does not include 20 repairs to or ordinary maintenance of an existing structure or the 21 22 grounds or another feature of the property. 23 (b) This section applies only to a parcel of commercial real 24 property with a market value of \$10 million or less for the tax year in which the limitation provided by Subsection (d) takes effect as 25 26 to the property.

27 (c) This section does not apply to property appraised under

1 Subchapter C, D, E, F, G, or H. 2 (d) Notwithstanding the requirements of Section 25.18 and regardless of whether the appraisal office has appraised the 3 property and determined the market value of the property for the tax 4 5 year, an appraisal office may increase the appraised value of a parcel of commercial real property for a tax year to an amount not 6 7 to exceed the lesser of: (1) the market value of the property for the most 8 recent tax year that the market value was determined by the 9 10 appraisal office; or 11 (2) the sum of: 12 (A) 10 percent of the appraised value of the 13 property for the preceding tax year; 14 (B) the appraised value of the property for the 15 preceding tax year; and 16 (C) the market value of all new improvements to 17 the property. (e) When appraising a parcel of commercial real property, 18 19 the chief appraiser shall: (1) appraise the property at its market value; and 20 21 (2) include in the appraisal records both the market 22 value of the property and the amount computed under Subsection 23 (d)(2). 24 (f) The limitation provided by Subsection (d) takes effect as to a parcel of commercial real property on January 1 of the tax 25 26 year following the first tax year in which the owner owns the

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property on January 1 and in which the property meets the definition

1	of commercial real property. The limitation expires on January 1 of
2	the tax year following the first tax year in which the owner of the
3	property ceases to own the property or the property no longer meets
4	the definition of commercial real property.
5	(g) For purposes of Subsection (f), a person who acquired a
6	parcel of commercial real property before the 2025 tax year is
7	considered to have acquired the property on January 1, 2025.
8	(h) Notwithstanding Subsections (a)(3) and (d) and except
9	as provided by Subdivision (2) of this subsection, an improvement
10	to property that would otherwise constitute a new improvement is
11	not treated as a new improvement if the improvement is a replacement
12	structure for a structure that was rendered unusable by a casualty
13	or by wind or water damage. For purposes of appraising the property
14	under Subsection (d) in the tax year in which the structure would
15	have constituted a new improvement:
16	(1) the appraised value the property would have had in
17	the preceding tax year if the casualty or damage had not occurred is
18	considered to be the appraised value of the property for that year,
19	regardless of whether that appraised value exceeds the actual
20	appraised value of the property for that year as limited by
21	Subsection (d); and
22	(2) the replacement structure is considered to be a
23	new improvement only if:
24	(A) the square footage of the replacement
25	structure exceeds that of the replaced structure as that structure
26	existed before the casualty or damage occurred; or
27	(B) the exterior of the replacement structure is

1	of higher quality construction and composition than that of the
2	replaced structure.
3	(i) Notwithstanding Subsection (h)(2), and only to the
4	extent necessary to satisfy the requirements of a disaster recovery
5	program, a replacement structure described by that subdivision is
6	not considered to be a new improvement if to satisfy the
7	requirements of the disaster recovery program it was necessary
8	that:
9	(1) the square footage of the replacement structure
10	exceed that of the replaced structure as that structure existed
11	before the casualty or damage occurred; or
12	(2) the exterior of the replacement structure be of
13	higher quality construction and composition than that of the
14	replaced structure.
15	SECTION 5. Sections 25.19(b) and (g), Tax Code, as
16	effective until January 1, 2027, are amended to read as follows:
17	(b) The chief appraiser shall separate real from personal
18	property and include in the notice for each:
19	(1) a list of the taxing units in which the property is
20	<pre>taxable;</pre>
21	(2) the appraised value of the property in the
22	preceding year;
23	(3) the taxable value of the property in the preceding
24	year for each taxing unit taxing the property;
25	(4) the appraised value of the property for the
26	current year, the kind and amount of each exemption and partial
27	exemption, if any, approved for the property for the current year

1 and for the preceding year, and, if an exemption or partial 2 exemption that was approved for the preceding year was canceled or 3 reduced for the current year, the amount of the exemption or partial 4 exemption canceled or reduced;

5 (4-a) a statement of whether the property qualifies 6 for the circuit breaker limitation on appraised value provided by 7 Section 23.231 or the limitation on appraised value provided by 8 <u>Section 23.232;</u>

9 (5) in italic typeface, the following statement: "The 10 Texas Legislature does not set the amount of your local 11 taxes. Your property tax burden is decided by your locally elected 12 officials, and all inquiries concerning your taxes should be 13 directed to those officials";

14 (6) a detailed explanation of the time and procedure 15 for protesting the value;

16 (7) the date and place the appraisal review board will 17 begin hearing protests;

18 (8) an explanation of the availability and purpose of
19 an informal conference with the appraisal office before a hearing
20 on a protest; and

(9) a brief explanation that the governing body of each taxing unit decides whether or not taxes on the property will increase and the appraisal district only determines the value of the property.

(g) By April 1 or as soon thereafter as practicable if the property is a single-family residence that qualifies for an exemption under Section 11.13, or by May 1 or as soon thereafter as

practicable in connection with any other property, the chief 1 appraiser shall deliver a written notice to the owner of each 2 3 property not included in a notice required to be delivered under Subsection (a), if the property was reappraised in the current tax 4 5 year, if the ownership of the property changed during the preceding year, or if the property owner or the agent of a property owner 6 authorized under Section 1.111 makes a written request for the 7 8 notice. The chief appraiser shall separate real from personal property and include in the notice for each property: 9

10 (1) the appraised value of the property in the 11 preceding year;

12 (2) the appraised value of the property for the 13 current year and the kind of each partial exemption, if any, 14 approved for the current year;

15 (2-a) a statement of whether the property qualifies 16 for the circuit breaker limitation on appraised value provided by 17 Section 23.231 or the limitation on appraised value provided by 18 Section 23.232;

(3) a detailed explanation of the time and procedurefor protesting the value; and

(4) the date and place the appraisal review board willbegin hearing protests.

23 SECTION 6. Sections 25.19(b) and (g), Tax Code, as 24 effective January 1, 2027, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The chief appraiser shall separate real from personalproperty and include in the notice for each:

27 (1) a list of the taxing units in which the property is

1 taxable;

2 (2) the appraised value of the property in the3 preceding year;

4 (3) the taxable value of the property in the preceding5 year for each taxing unit taxing the property;

6 (4) the appraised value of the property for the 7 current year, the kind and amount of each exemption and partial 8 exemption, if any, approved for the property for the current year 9 and for the preceding year, and, if an exemption or partial 10 exemption that was approved for the preceding year was canceled or 11 reduced for the current year, the amount of the exemption or partial 12 exemption canceled or reduced;

13 <u>(4-a) a statement of whether the property qualifies</u>
14 <u>for the limitation on appraised value provided by Section 23.232;</u>

(5) in italic typeface, the following statement: "The Texas Legislature does not set the amount of your local taxes. Your property tax burden is decided by your locally elected officials, and all inquiries concerning your taxes should be directed to those officials";

20 (6) a detailed explanation of the time and procedure21 for protesting the value;

(7) the date and place the appraisal review board willbegin hearing protests;

(8) an explanation of the availability and purpose of
an informal conference with the appraisal office before a hearing
on a protest; and

27 (9) a brief explanation that the governing body of

each taxing unit decides whether or not taxes on the property will
 increase and the appraisal district only determines the value of
 the property.

4 (g) By April 1 or as soon thereafter as practicable if the 5 property is a single-family residence that qualifies for an exemption under Section 11.13, or by May 1 or as soon thereafter as 6 practicable in connection with any other property, the chief 7 8 appraiser shall deliver a written notice to the owner of each property not included in a notice required to be delivered under 9 10 Subsection (a), if the property was reappraised in the current tax year, if the ownership of the property changed during the preceding 11 year, or if the property owner or the agent of a property owner 12 authorized under Section 1.111 makes a written request for the 13 14 notice. The chief appraiser shall separate real from personal 15 property and include in the notice for each property:

16 (1) the appraised value of the property in the 17 preceding year;

(2) the appraised value of the property for the
current year and the kind of each partial exemption, if any,
approved for the current year;

21 (2-a) a statement of whether the property qualifies
22 for the limitation on appraised value provided by Section 23.232;

(3) a detailed explanation of the time and procedurefor protesting the value; and

(4) the date and place the appraisal review board willbegin hearing protests.

27 SECTION 7. Section 41.41(a), Tax Code, as effective until

1 January 1, 2027, is amended to read as follows:

2 (a) A property owner is entitled to protest before the3 appraisal review board the following actions:

4 (1) determination of the appraised value of the
5 owner's property or, in the case of land appraised as provided by
6 Subchapter C, D, E, or H, Chapter 23, determination of its appraised
7 or market value;

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(2) unequal appraisal of the owner's property;

9 (3) inclusion of the owner's property on the appraisal 10 records;

11 (4) denial to the property owner in whole or in part of 12 a partial exemption;

13 (4-a) determination that the owner's property does not 14 qualify for the circuit breaker limitation on appraised value 15 provided by Section 23.231 or the limitation on appraised value 16 provided by Section 23.232;

17 (5) determination that the owner's land does not 18 qualify for appraisal as provided by Subchapter C, D, E, or H, 19 Chapter 23;

20 (6) identification of the taxing units in which the 21 owner's property is taxable in the case of the appraisal district's 22 appraisal roll;

(7) determination that the property owner is the ownerof property;

(8) a determination that a change in use of land
appraised under Subchapter C, D, E, or H, Chapter 23, has occurred;
or

H.B. No. 273 1 (9) any other action of the chief appraiser, appraisal district, or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely 2 3 affects the property owner. 4 SECTION 8. Section 41.41(a), Tax Code, as effective January 5 1, 2027, is amended to read as follows: (a) A property owner is entitled to protest before the 6 appraisal review board the following actions: 7 (1) determination of the appraised value 8 of the owner's property or, in the case of land appraised as provided by 9 10 Subchapter C, D, E, or H, Chapter 23, determination of its appraised or market value; 11 12 (2) unequal appraisal of the owner's property; inclusion of the owner's property on the appraisal 13 (3) 14 records; 15 (4) denial to the property owner in whole or in part of a partial exemption; 16 17 (4-a) determination that the owner's property does not qualify for the limitation on appraised value provided by Section 18 19 23.232; (5) determination that the owner's land does not 20 qualify for appraisal as provided by Subchapter C, D, E, or H, 21 Chapter 23; 22 identification of the taxing units in which the 23 (6) 24 owner's property is taxable in the case of the appraisal district's appraisal roll; 25 26 (7) determination that the property owner is the owner 27 of property;

1 (8) a determination that a change in use of land 2 appraised under Subchapter C, D, E, or H, Chapter 23, has occurred; 3 or

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4 (9) any other action of the chief appraiser, appraisal
5 district, or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely
6 affects the property owner.

SECTION 9. Section 42.26(d), Tax Code, as effective until
January 1, 2027, is amended to read as follows:

9 (d) For purposes of this section, the value of the property 10 subject to the suit and the value of a comparable property or sample 11 property that is used for comparison must be the market value 12 determined by the appraisal district when the property is subject 13 to the limitation on appraised value imposed by Section 23.23, [or] 14 23.231, or 23.232.

15 SECTION 10. Section 42.26(d), Tax Code, as effective 16 January 1, 2027, 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 [<del>a</del> <del>residence homestead</del>] subject to the limitation on appraised value imposed by Section 23.23 or 23.232.

23 SECTION 11. Sections 403.302(d) and (i), Government Code, 24 as effective until January 1, 2027, are amended to read as follows:

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

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(1) the total dollar amount of any residence homestead

1 exemptions lawfully granted under Section 11.13(b) or (c), Tax
2 Code, in the year that is the subject of the study for each school
3 district;

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

8 (3) the total dollar amount of any exemptions granted 9 before May 31, 1993, within a reinvestment zone under agreements 10 authorized by Chapter 312, Tax Code;

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

is within a reinvestment zone created on or 13 (A) 14 before May 31, 1999, or is proposed to be included within the 15 boundaries of a reinvestment zone as the boundaries of the zone and the proposed portion of tax increment paid into the tax increment 16 17 fund by a school district are described in a written notification provided by the municipality or the board of directors of the zone 18 19 to the governing bodies of the other taxing units in the manner provided by former Section 311.003(e), Tax Code, before May 31, 20 1999, and within the boundaries of the zone as those boundaries 21 existed on September 1, 1999, including subsequent improvements to 22 23 the property regardless of when made;

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

H.B. No. 273 1 (C) is eligible for tax increment financing under 2 Chapter 311, Tax Code; 3 (5) the total dollar amount of any captured appraised value of property that: 4 5 (A) is within a reinvestment zone: 6 (i) created on or before December 31, 2008, by a municipality with a population of less than 18,000; and 7 8 (ii) the project plan for which includes alteration, remodeling, repair, or reconstruction of a 9 the structure that is included on the National Register of Historic 10 Places and requires that a portion of the tax increment of the zone 11 be used for the improvement or construction of related facilities 12 or for affordable housing; 13 14 (B) generates school district taxes that are paid 15 into a tax increment fund created under Chapter 311, Tax Code; and (C) is eligible for tax increment financing under 16 17 Chapter 311, Tax Code; (6) the total dollar amount of any exemptions granted 18 under Section 11.251 or 11.253, Tax Code; 19 (7) the difference between the comptroller's estimate 20 21 of the market value and the productivity value of land that qualifies for appraisal on the basis of its productive capacity, 22 23 except that the productivity value estimated by the comptroller may 24 not exceed the fair market value of the land; 25 (8) the portion of the appraised value of residence 26 homesteads of individuals who receive a tax limitation under Section 11.26, Tax Code, on which school district taxes are not 27

1 imposed in the year that is the subject of the study, calculated as
2 if the residence homesteads were appraised at the full value
3 required by law;

4 (9) a portion of the market value of property not 5 otherwise fully taxable by the district at market value because of action required by statute or the constitution of this state, other 6 than Section 11.311, Tax Code, that, if the tax rate adopted by the 7 8 district is applied to it, produces an amount equal to the difference between the tax that the district would have imposed on 9 10 the property if the property were fully taxable at market value and the tax that the district is actually authorized to impose on the 11 12 property, if this subsection does not otherwise require that portion to be deducted; 13

14 (10) the market value of all tangible personal 15 property, other than manufactured homes, owned by a family or 16 individual and not held or used for the production of income;

17 (11) the appraised value of property the collection of 18 delinquent taxes on which is deferred under Section 33.06, Tax 19 Code;

20 (12) the portion of the appraised value of property 21 the collection of delinquent taxes on which is deferred under 22 Section 33.065, Tax Code;

(13) the amount by which the market value of property
to which Section 23.23, [or] 23.231, or 23.232, Tax Code, applies
exceeds the appraised value of that property as calculated under
Section 23.23, [or] 23.231, or 23.232, Tax Code, as applicable; and
(14) the total dollar amount of any exemptions granted

1 under Section 11.35, Tax Code.

If the comptroller determines in the study that the 2 (i) 3 market value of property in a school district as determined by the appraisal district that appraises property for the school district, 4 less the total of the amounts and values listed in Subsection (d) as 5 determined by that appraisal district, is valid, the comptroller, 6 in determining the taxable value of property in the school district 7 8 under Subsection (d), shall for purposes of Subsection (d)(13) subtract from the market value as determined by the appraisal 9 10 district of properties to which Section 23.23, [or] 23.231, or 23.232, Tax Code, applies the amount by which that amount exceeds 11 12 the appraised value of those properties as calculated by the appraisal district under Section 23.23, [or] 23.231, or 23.232, Tax 13 14 Code, as applicable. If the comptroller determines in the study 15 that the market value of property in a school district as determined by the appraisal district that appraises property for the school 16 district, less the total of the amounts and values listed in 17 Subsection (d) as determined by that appraisal district, is not 18 19 valid, the comptroller, in determining the taxable value of property in the school district under Subsection (d), shall for 20 purposes of Subsection (d)(13) subtract from the market value as 21 estimated by the comptroller of properties to which Section 23.23, 22 [or] 23.231, or 23.232, Tax Code, applies the amount by which that 23 24 amount exceeds the appraised value of those properties as calculated by the appraisal district under Section 23.23, [or] 25 26 23.231, or 23.232, Tax Code, as applicable.

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SECTION 12. Sections 403.302(d) and (i), Government Code,

1 as effective January 1, 2027, are amended to read as follows:

2 (d) For the purposes of this section, "taxable value" means3 the market value of all taxable property less:

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

8 (2) one-half of the total dollar amount of any 9 residence homestead exemptions granted under Section 11.13(n), Tax 10 Code, in the year that is the subject of the study for each school 11 district;

12 (3) the total dollar amount of any exemptions granted 13 before May 31, 1993, within a reinvestment zone under agreements 14 authorized by Chapter 312, Tax Code;

15 (4) subject to Subsection (e), the total dollar amount16 of any captured appraised value of property that:

17 (A) is within a reinvestment zone created on or before May 31, 1999, or is proposed to be included within the 18 boundaries of a reinvestment zone as the boundaries of the zone and 19 the proposed portion of tax increment paid into the tax increment 20 fund by a school district are described in a written notification 21 provided by the municipality or the board of directors of the zone 22 23 to the governing bodies of the other taxing units in the manner 24 provided by former Section 311.003(e), Tax Code, before May 31, 1999, and within the boundaries of the zone as those boundaries 25 26 existed on September 1, 1999, including subsequent improvements to the property regardless of when made; 27

H.B. No. 273 1 (B) generates taxes paid into a tax increment fund created under Chapter 311, Tax Code, under a reinvestment zone 2 3 financing plan approved under Section 311.011(d), Tax Code, on or before September 1, 1999; and 4 5 (C) is eligible for tax increment financing under Chapter 311, Tax Code; 6 7 (5) the total dollar amount of any captured appraised 8 value of property that: is within a reinvestment zone: 9 (A) 10 (i) created on or before December 31, 2008, by a municipality with a population of less than 18,000; and 11 12 (ii) the project plan for which includes alteration, remodeling, repair, or reconstruction 13 the of 14 structure that is included on the National Register of Historic 15 Places and requires that a portion of the tax increment of the zone be used for the improvement or construction of related facilities 16 17 or for affordable housing; generates school district taxes that are paid 18 (B) 19 into a tax increment fund created under Chapter 311, Tax Code; and is eligible for tax increment financing under 20 (C) Chapter 311, Tax Code; 21 the total dollar amount of any exemptions granted 22 (6) 23 under Section 11.251 or 11.253, Tax Code; 24 (7) the difference between the comptroller's estimate of the market value and the productivity value of land that 25 26 qualifies for appraisal on the basis of its productive capacity, except that the productivity value estimated by the comptroller may 27

1 not exceed the fair market value of the land;

2 (8) the portion of the appraised value of residence 3 homesteads of individuals who receive a tax limitation under 4 Section 11.26, Tax Code, on which school district taxes are not 5 imposed in the year that is the subject of the study, calculated as 6 if the residence homesteads were appraised at the full value 7 required by law;

8 (9) a portion of the market value of property not otherwise fully taxable by the district at market value because of 9 10 action required by statute or the constitution of this state, other than Section 11.311, Tax Code, that, if the tax rate adopted by the 11 12 district is applied to it, produces an amount equal to the difference between the tax that the district would have imposed on 13 14 the property if the property were fully taxable at market value and the tax that the district is actually authorized to impose on the 15 property, if this subsection does not otherwise require that 16 portion to be deducted; 17

(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;

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(13) the amount by which the market value of property

1 [a residence homestead] to which Section 23.23 or 23.232, Tax Code, 2 applies exceeds the appraised value of that property as calculated 3 under Section 23.23 or 23.232, Tax Code, as applicable [that 4 section]; and

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

If the comptroller determines in the study that the 7 (i) 8 market value of property in a school district as determined by the appraisal district that appraises property for the school district, 9 less the total of the amounts and values listed in Subsection (d) as 10 determined by that appraisal district, is valid, the comptroller, 11 12 in determining the taxable value of property in the school district under Subsection (d), shall for purposes of Subsection (d)(13) 13 14 subtract from the market value as determined by the appraisal district of properties [residence homesteads] to which Section 15 23.23 or 23.232, Tax Code, applies the amount by which that amount 16 17 exceeds the appraised value of those properties as calculated by the appraisal district under Section 23.23 or 23.232, Tax Code, as 18 19 applicable. If the comptroller determines in the study that the market value of property in a school district as determined by the 20 appraisal district that appraises property for the school district, 21 22 less the total of the amounts and values listed in Subsection (d) as determined by that appraisal district, is not valid, the 23 24 comptroller, in determining the taxable value of property in the school district under Subsection (d), shall for purposes of 25 Subsection (d)(13) subtract from the market value as estimated by 26 27 the comptroller of properties [residence homesteads] to which

Section 23.23 or 23.232, 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 or 23.232, Tax Code, as applicable.

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5 SECTION 13. This Act applies only to the appraisal of 6 commercial real property for ad valorem tax purposes for a tax year 7 that begins on or after the effective date of this Act.

8 SECTION 14. This Act takes effect January 1, 2026, but only 9 if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 89th Legislature, 10 Regular Session, 2025, to authorize the legislature to limit the 11 maximum appraised value of certain commercial real property for ad 12 valorem tax purposes is approved by the voters. If that amendment 13 is not approved by the voters, this Act has no effect.