

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 53

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to taxes.

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

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the amount of an exemption, refund, or credit in the following provisions of the Tax Code that a taxpayer may claim is reduced by 50 percent:

(1) Subchapter B, Chapter 11;

(2) Subchapter C, Chapter 11;

(3) Subchapter H, Chapter 151, except that the amount of an exemption in the following provisions is not reduced:

(A) Section 151.313;

(B) Section 151.314;

(C) Section 151.3141; and

(D) Section 151.315;

(4) Section 151.429;

(5) Section 151.4291;

(6) Section 151.431;

(7) Subchapter B, Chapter 171;

(8) Subchapter J, Chapter 171;

(9) Subchapter L, Chapter 171;

(10) Subchapter M, Chapter 171;

(11) Subchapter N, Chapter 171;

(12) Subchapter O, Chapter 171;

(13) Subchapter P, Chapter 171;

1 (14) Subchapter Q, Chapter 171;

2 (15) Subchapter R, Chapter 171;

3 (16) Subchapter S, Chapter 171;

4 (17) Subchapter T, Chapter 171;

5 (18) Subchapter U, Chapter 171, as added by Chapter  
6 209, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003; and

7 (19) Subchapter U, Chapter 171, as added by Chapter  
8 1274, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003.

9 (b) The reduction of a tax exemption in Chapter 11, Tax  
10 Code, by Subsection (a) of this section is not effective if the  
11 constitution of this state directly provides the exemption. If the  
12 constitution of this state authorizes but does not directly provide  
13 the exemption, the reduction of the exemption by this Act is  
14 effective.

15 SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect July 1, 2004, if it  
16 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each  
17 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.  
18 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for effect on that  
19 date, this Act takes effect October 1, 2004.

20 (b) The change in law made by this Act to Chapter 171, Tax  
21 Code, applies only to a report originally due on or after the  
22 effective date of this Act.

23 (c) This Act does not affect taxes imposed before the  
24 effective date of this Act, and the law in effect before the  
25 effective date of this Act is continued in effect for purposes of  
26 the liability for and collection of those taxes.