

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently the deadline for a chief appraiser to release the ballot for an appraisal district board of directors is October 30th. However, the deadline for each tax unit to submit its vote is November 15th. This allows only 16 days to meet, discuss each nominee, and submit a vote. Some taxing units meet only once a month, which arguably would not provide them with an opportunity to view the ballot before the voting deadline has expired. H.B. 2043 proposes to delay the voting deadline until December 15th, allowing an additional month for taxing units to submit ballots. The bill also increases the number of days to submit a nomination to fill a vacancy on a board from 10 to 45 days.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 6.03(j)-(l), Tax Code, as follows:

(j) Requires the chief appraiser, before October 30, to prepare a ballot, listing the candidates whose names were timely submitted under Subsections (g) and, if applicable, (h) or (i) alphabetically according to the first letter in each candidate's surname, and deliver a copy of the ballot to the presiding officer of the governing body of each taxing unit that is entitled to vote.

(k) Requires the governing body of each taxing unit entitled to vote to determine its vote by resolution and submit it to the chief appraiser before December, rather than November, 15. Requires the chief appraiser to take certain actions before December 31, rather than 1, to the governing body of each taxing unit in the district and to the candidates.

(l) Requires the taxing unit to submit the name of its nominee to the chief appraiser within 45, rather than 10, days after notification from the board of directors of the existence of the vacancy, and requires the chief appraiser to prepare and deliver to the board of directors within the next five days a list of nominees.

SECTION 2. (a) Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.

(b) Requires appraisal district directors to be appointed as provided by Sections 6.03(j) and (k), Tax Code, as amended by this Act, beginning with the appointment of appraisal district directors in 2003 for terms beginning January 1, 2004.

(c) Makes application of this Act prospective.