

AN ACT

relating to the exemption from the requirement that a person register as a property tax consultant to perform certain property tax consulting services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1152.002(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person is not required to be registered under this chapter if the person:

(1) is acting under a general power of attorney, unless the person represents that the person is a property tax consultant, agent, advisor, or representative;

(2) is licensed to practice law in this state;

(3) is an employee of a property owner or of an affiliated or subsidiary company of a property owner and performs property tax consulting services for:

(A) the property owner; or

(B) a partnership, joint venture, or corporation in which the property owner owns an interest;

(4) is a lessee of a property owner and is designated as the agent of the owner in accordance with Section 1.111, Tax Code;

(5) is a public employee or officer and assists a property owner in the course of the employee's or officer's duties;

1           (6) is a certified public accountant under Chapter  
2 901;

3           (7) assists another person in the performance of  
4 property tax consulting services or provides testimony on behalf of  
5 the other person at a protest hearing under Subchapter C, Chapter  
6 41, Tax Code; or

7           (8) provides property tax consulting services only in  
8 connection with farms, ranches, or single-family residences and:

9                   (A) holds an active real estate broker license or  
10 an active real estate salesperson license under Chapter 1101; or

11                   (B) is a licensed real estate appraiser or  
12 certified real estate appraiser under Chapter 1103.

13           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2844 was passed by the House on May 16, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2844 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor