

Amend CSHB 2233 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_. Subtitle B, Title 3, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 320A to read as follows:

CHAPTER 320A. REVIEW OF STATE AND LOCAL TAXES

Sec. 320A.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "committee" means the select committee on revenue.

Sec. 320A.002. SELECT COMMITTEE ON REVENUE. (a) The select committee on revenue is composed of:

(1) three members of the senate, appointed by the lieutenant governor;

(2) three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(3) eight public members, of which:

(A) four are appointed by the governor;

(B) two are appointed by the lieutenant governor;

and

(C) two are appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

(4) the comptroller.

(b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall select one member of the committee appointed under Subsection (a)(2) to serve as chair of the committee. The lieutenant governor shall select one member of the committee appointed under Subsection (a)(1) to serve as vice chair of the committee.

(c) The committee shall meet at the call of the chair.

(d) Members of the committee must be appointed not later than September 1 of the first odd-numbered year of each decade. Each member serves until the legislature convenes in regular session in the second odd-numbered year of the decade for which the member was appointed to serve.

Sec. 320A.003. PURPOSE; DUTIES. The committee shall meet to conduct studies and draft proposed legislation regarding state and local taxation. In conducting studies, the committee shall:

(1) evaluate the impact of state and local taxation and the expenditures of the state and local tax revenue on economic

development in this state;

(2) examine the relationship between:

(A) taxes and other revenue sources and the revenue needs of the state government and local governments, with particular consideration given to projected demographic trends in this state; and

(B) the tax burden imposed on taxpayers, categorized by household income level or business sector, as applicable, and the benefits those taxpayers receive from government expenditures in this state;

(3) evaluate state and local taxes and develop recommendations for retaining or repealing certain taxes or for amending a provision related to the tax; and

(4) make recommendations for retaining, repealing, or amending tax credits, exemptions, discounts, exclusions, special valuations, special accounting treatments, special rates, and special methods of reporting.

Sec. 320A.004. REPORT. The committee shall present to the legislature and the governor a report on the studies conducted and the recommendations developed by the committee under Section 320A.003. The report must include drafts of any proposed legislation needed to carry out the committee's recommendations.

Sec. 320A.005. STAFF. (a) The committee may hire staff as the committee determines necessary.

(b) On the request of the committee, the Legislative Budget Board, the Texas Legislative Council, the office of the governor, the comptroller, the senate, and the house of representatives shall provide other staff necessary to carry out the duties of the committee.

Sec. 320A.006. COOPERATION OF OTHER STATE ENTITIES. The committee may request the assistance of any state agency, department, or office if the committee needs assistance to discharge the committee's duties. The agency, department, or office shall provide the requested assistance.

Sec. 320A.007. EXPENSES. The operating expenses of the committee shall be paid from available funds of the office of the governor and the contingent expense funds of the senate and the

house of representatives, as agreed by those entities. The committee members are entitled to reimbursement from those funds for expenses incurred by the members in carrying out this chapter.