

Amend CSHB 2233 on third reading by adding the following appropriately numbered sections and renumbering the subsequent sections of the bill accordingly:

SECTION ____ . Section 11.43, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsections (l) and (m) to read as follows:

(l) The form for an application under Section 11.13 must include a space for the applicant to state the applicant's date of birth. Failure to provide the date of birth does not affect the applicant's eligibility for an exemption under that section, other than an exemption under Section 11.13(c) or (d) for an individual 65 years of age or older.

(m) Notwithstanding Subsections (a) and (k), a person who receives an exemption under Section 11.13, other than an exemption under Section 11.13(c) or (d) for an individual 65 years of age or older, in a tax year is entitled to receive an exemption under Section 11.13(c) or (d) for an individual 65 years of age or older in the next tax year on the same property without applying for the exemption if the person becomes 65 years of age in that next year as shown by information in the records of the appraisal district that was provided to the appraisal district by the individual in an application for an exemption under Section 11.13 on the property or in correspondence relating to the property. This subsection does not apply if the chief appraiser determines that the individual is no longer entitled to any exemption under Section 11.13 on the property.

SECTION ____ . Subchapter A, Chapter 5, Property Code, is amended by adding Section 5.014 to read as follows: Sec. 5.014. (a) This section applies only to property to which Section 1.04(2), Tax Code, applies. (b) A purchaser of property shall file a statement with the comptroller that specifies the purchase price of the property.

SECTION ____ . Subchapter A, Chapter 33, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 33.045 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.045. NOTICE OF PROVISIONS AUTHORIZING DEFERRAL OR ABATEMENT. (a) A tax bill mailed by an assessor or collector under Section 31.01 and any written communication delivered to a property owner by an assessor or collector for a taxing unit or an attorney

or other agent of a taxing unit that specifically threatens a lawsuit to collect a delinquent tax shall contain the following explanation in capital letters: "IF YOU ARE 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER OR ARE DISABLED AND THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS YOUR RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD, YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT REGARDING ANY ENTITLEMENT YOU MAY HAVE TO A POSTPONEMENT IN THE PAYMENT OF THESE TAXES".

(b) This section does not apply to a communication that relates to taxes that are the subject of pending litigation.

SECTION ____ . Section 11.43(m), Tax Code, as added by this Act, applies only to eligibility for an exemption from ad valorem taxation under Section 11.13(c) or (d), Tax Code, for an individual 65 years of age or older for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2006.