

Amend **HB 2491** adding the following SECTIONS, appropriately numbered, and renumbering the subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subdivision (3), Section 23.51, Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(3) "Category" means the value classification of land considering the agricultural use to which the land is principally devoted. The chief appraiser shall determine the categories into which land in the appraisal district is classified. In classifying land according to categories, the chief appraiser shall distinguish between ~~[Categories of land may include but are not limited to]~~ irrigated cropland, dry cropland, improved pasture, native pasture, orchard, and waste. The chief appraiser may establish additional categories. The chief appraiser shall ~~[and may be]~~ further divide each category ~~[divided]~~ according to soil type, soil capability, irrigation, general topography, geographical factors, and other factors that ~~[which]~~ influence the productive capacity of the category. The chief appraiser shall obtain information from the Texas Agricultural ~~[Agriculture]~~ Extension Service, the Natural Resources ~~[Soil]~~ Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, and other recognized agricultural sources for the purposes of determining the categories of land ~~[production]~~ existing in the appraisal district.