

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 824
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Local Government Ways & Means
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under current law, appraisal review board members are only required to complete a one-time training requirement, which has shown to be too little of an education requirement. House bill 824 requires all appraisal review board members to annually complete a Comptroller-approved training and education course. Additionally, property owners are not able to attend their appraisal review board members' training and education meetings because they are currently not publicized. The bill also requires public notice of the training course and for the public notice to include the date, time and location.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 5.041(b) and 5.041(c) of the Tax Code. House bill 824 provides that a member of the appraisal review board established for an appraisal district annually complete the course established under Section 5.041(a) of the Tax Code. Furthermore, the bill authorizes that in a tax year after the tax year in which an appraisal review board member completed the initial course, a member not participate in a hearing conducted by the board after May 1 unless the member has completed the course and received a certificate of completion in the current tax year.

A service provider is required to provide public notice of a training course in the manner required by the Comptroller. House bill 824 also provides that the notice include the date, time and location of the training course.

SECTION 2. States the effective date of the bill.

EFFECTIVE DATE

January 1, 2006