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H.B. No. 824

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a requirement that appraisal review board members  
3 complete a training and education course biennially.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) Sections 5.041(b) and (c), Tax Code, are  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) A member of the appraisal review board established for  
8 an appraisal district must biennially complete the course  
9 established under Subsection (a). A member of the appraisal review  
10 board may not participate in a hearing conducted by the board unless  
11 the person has completed the course [~~established under Subsection~~  
12 ~~(a)~~] and received a certificate of course completion. In a tax year  
13 after the tax year in which a member of the appraisal review board  
14 initially completes the course and in which the member is required  
15 to complete the course, the member may not participate in a hearing  
16 conducted by the board after May 1 unless the member has completed  
17 the course and received a certificate of course completion in the  
18 current tax year.

19 (c) The comptroller may contract with service providers to  
20 assist with the duties imposed under Subsection (a), but the course  
21 required may not be provided by an appraisal district or a taxing  
22 unit. The comptroller may assess a fee to recover a portion of the  
23 costs incurred for the training course, but the fee may not exceed  
24 \$50 per person trained. A service provider shall provide public

1 notice of a training course in the manner required by the  
2 comptroller. The notice must include the date, time, and location  
3 of the training course.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2006.