1-1   By: Hegar (Senate Sponsor - Staples)   H.B. No. 2382
1-2   (In the Senate - Received from the House April 19, 2005;
1-3   April 21, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4   Intergovernmental Relations; May 19, 2005, reported favorably by
1-5   the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 19, 2005, sent to
1-6   printer.)

1-7   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8   AN ACT

1-9   relating to training requirements for certain chief appraisers of
1-10 appraisal districts.
1-11   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-12   SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 1151, Occupations Code, is
1-13 amended by adding Section 1151.164 to read as follows:
1-14   Sec. 1151.164. CHIEF APPRAISER TRAINING PROGRAM. (a) The
1-15 board shall implement a training program for newly appointed chief
1-16 appraisers and shall prescribe the curriculum for the training
1-17 program as provided by this section.
1-18   (b) The training program must provide the appointee with
1-19 information regarding:
1-20   (1) this chapter;
1-21   (2) the programs operated by the board;
1-22   (3) the role and functions of the board;
1-23   (4) the rules of the board, with an emphasis on the
1-24 rules that relate to ethical behavior;
1-25   (5) the role and functions of the chief appraiser, the
1-26 appraisal district board of directors, and the appraisal review
1-27 board;
1-28   (6) the importance of maintaining the independence of
1-29 an appraisal office from political pressure;
1-30   (7) the importance of prompt and courteous treatment
1-31 of the public;
1-32   (8) the finance and budgeting requirements for an
1-33 appraisal district, including appropriate controls to ensure that
1-34 expenditures are proper; and
1-35   (9) the requirements of:
1-36   (A) the open meetings law, Chapter 551,
1-37 Government Code;
1-38   (B) the public information law, Chapter 552,
1-39 Government Code;
1-40   (C) the administrative procedure law, Chapter
1-41 2001, Government Code;
1-42   (D) other laws relating to public officials,
1-43 including conflict-of-interest laws; and
1-44   (E) the standards of ethics imposed by the
1-45 Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.
1-46   (c) The training program implemented by the board under this
1-47 section must be provided by the board or by a provider approved by
1-48 the board.
1-49   SECTION 2. Chapter 5, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section
1-50 5.042 to read as follows:
1-51   Sec. 5.042. REQUIRED TRAINING FOR CHIEF APPRAISERS. (a)
1-52 Except as provided by this section, a person may not serve as a
1-53 chief appraiser for an appraisal district unless the person has
1-54 completed the course of training prescribed by Section 1151.164,
1-55 Occupations Code.
1-56   (b) A person may serve in a temporary, provisional, or
1-57 interim capacity as chief appraiser for a period of up to one year
1-58 without completing the training required by this section.
1-59   (c) This section does not apply to a county
1-60 assessor-collector who serves as chief appraiser under Section
1-61 6.05(c).
1-62   SECTION 3. (a) The Board of Tax Professional Examiners
1-63 shall implement the training program required under Section
1-64 1151.164, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not later than

2-1   January 1, 2006.
2-2   (b) A person is not required to complete the training
2-3   program prescribed under Section 1151.164, Occupations Code, as
2-4   added by this Act, to serve as a chief appraiser for an appraisal
2-5   district until July 1, 2006.
2-6   (c) The change in law made by this Act by the enactment of
2-7   Section 5.042, Tax Code, applies only to a chief appraiser
2-8   appointed on or after July 1, 2006.
2-9   SECTION 4. Section 5.042, Tax Code, takes effect July 1,
2-10 2006.
2-11   SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-15 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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