

Amend **HB 2555** by adding the following SECTION to the bill, appropriately numbered, and renumbering the subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. (a) Section 11.184, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (l), (m), and (n) to read as follows:

(c) A [~~If approved under Subsection (b), a~~] qualified charitable organization is entitled to an exemption from taxation of:

(1) the buildings and other real property and the tangible personal property that:

(A) are owned by the organization; and

(B) except as permitted by Subsection (d), are used exclusively by the organization and other organizations eligible for an exemption from taxation under this section or Section 11.18; and

(2) the real property owned by the organization consisting of:

(A) an incomplete improvement that:

(i) is under active construction or other physical preparation; and

(ii) is designed and intended to be used exclusively by the organization and other organizations eligible for an exemption from taxation under this section or Section 11.18; and

(B) the land on which the incomplete improvement is located that will be reasonably necessary for the use of the improvement by the organization and other organizations eligible for an exemption from taxation under this section or Section 11.18.

(1) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a corporation that is not a qualified charitable organization is entitled to an exemption from taxation of property under this section if:

(1) the corporation is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, by being listed as an exempt entity under Section 501(c)(2) of that code;

(2) the corporation holds title to the property for, collects income from the property for, and turns over the entire amount of that income, less expenses, to a qualified charitable organization; and

(3) the qualified charitable organization would qualify for an exemption from taxation of the property under this section if the qualified charitable organization owned the property.

(m) Before a corporation described by Subsection (l) may submit an application for an exemption under this section, the qualified charitable organization for which the corporation holds title to the property must apply to the comptroller for the determination described by Subsection (e) with regard to the qualified charitable organization. The application for the determination must also include an application to the comptroller for a determination of whether the corporation meets the requirements of Subsections (l)(1) and (2). The corporation shall submit with the application for an exemption under this section a copy of the determination letter issued by the comptroller. The chief appraiser shall accept the copy of the letter as conclusive evidence of the matters described by Subsection (h) as well as of whether the corporation meets the requirements of Subsections (l)(1) and (2).

(n) Notwithstanding Subsection (k), in order for a corporation to continue to receive an exemption under Subsection (l) after the fifth tax year after the year in which the exemption is granted, the qualified charitable organization for which the corporation holds title to property must obtain a new determination letter and the corporation must reapply for the exemption.

(b) Section 11.184(b), Tax Code, is repealed.

(c) This section applies only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year that begins on or after the effective date of this section.

(d) This section takes effect January 1, 2010.