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H.B. No. 1690

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the appointment of a master in chancery for certain
3 appeals to district court from an order of an appraisal review board
4 or from certain orders of the comptroller of public accounts.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 42, Tax Code, is amended by
7 adding Section 42.241 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 42.241. MASTERS FOR CERTAIN TAX APPEALS. (a) The
9 court for good cause may appoint a master in chancery to recommend a
10 final judgment in an appeal and shall appoint a master in chancery
11 to recommend a final judgment in an appeal if the court has not
12 determined an appeal before the second anniversary of the date on
13 which the petition for review was filed.

14 (b) The order of reference must set the place for the
15 hearings, the dates and times at which the hearings are to begin and
16 end, and the date by which the master's report must be filed, which
17 may not be later than the first anniversary of the date on which the
18 order of reference is issued.

19 (c) Except as otherwise provided by this section, the
20 provisions of Subchapter D, Chapter 33, apply to a proceeding to
21 which this section applies.

22 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
23 to an appeal under Chapter 42, Tax Code, for which a petition for
24 review is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An

1 appeal under Chapter 42, Tax Code, for which a petition for review
2 was filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
3 law in effect on the date the petition for review was filed, and the
4 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.