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H.B. No. 2317

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the qualifications and training of appraisal review
3 board members.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 5.041, Tax Code, is amended by amending
6 Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (e-1) and (e-2) to read as
7 follows:

8 (a) The comptroller shall:

9 (1) approve curricula and provide materials for use in
10 training and educating members of an appraisal review board; and

11 (2) supervise a comprehensive course for training and
12 education of appraisal review board members and issue certificates
13 indicating course completion.

14 (e-1) In addition to the course established under
15 Subsection (a), the comptroller shall approve curricula and provide
16 materials for use in a continuing education course for members of an
17 appraisal review board. As soon as practicable after the beginning
18 of the second year of an appraisal review board member's term of
19 office, the member must successfully complete the course
20 established under this subsection. A person who fails to timely
21 complete the course established under this subsection may not be
22 reappointed to an additional term on the appraisal review board. If
23 the person is reappointed to an additional term on the appraisal
24 review board, the person must successfully complete the course

1 established under this subsection in each year the member continues
2 to serve.

3 (e-2) The comptroller may contract with service providers
4 to assist with the duties imposed under Subsection (e-1), but the
5 course required by that subsection may not be provided by an
6 appraisal district or a taxing unit. The comptroller may assess a
7 fee to recover a portion of the costs incurred for the continuing
8 education course, but the fee may not exceed \$50 per person trained.

9 SECTION 2. Section 6.42(a), Tax Code, is amended to read as
10 follows:

11 (a) A majority of the appraisal review board constitutes a
12 quorum. The board shall elect a chairman and a secretary from its
13 members. The board is encouraged to elect as chairman a member, if
14 any, who has a background in law and property appraisal.

15 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to continuing
16 education requirements under Section 5.041, Tax Code, applies only
17 to a term of office that expires on or after the effective date of
18 this Act.

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.