

Amend SB 516 on third reading as follows:

(1) In the recital to SECTION 2 of the bill (page 1, line 11), strike "(c) and (d)" and substitute "(c), (d), and (e)".

(2) In SECTION 2 of the bill, following added Section 11.131(d), Tax Code (page 2, between lines 14 and 15), add the following:

(e) A surviving spouse who qualifies for an exemption under Subsection (c) or (d) must apply for an exemption under that subsection each year the surviving spouse claims entitlement to the exemption as required by Sections 11.43(a) and (b).

(3) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumber the subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 11.43(c), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) An exemption provided by Section 11.13, 11.131(b) [~~11.131~~], 11.17, 11.18, 11.182, 11.183, 11.19, 11.20, 11.21, 11.22, 11.23(h), (j), or (j-1), 11.231, 11.254, 11.29, 11.30, or 11.31, once allowed, need not be claimed in subsequent years, and except as otherwise provided by Subsection (e), the exemption applies to the property until it changes ownership or the person's qualification for the exemption changes. However, the chief appraiser may require a person allowed one of the exemptions in a prior year to file a new application to confirm the person's current qualification for the exemption by delivering a written notice that a new application is required, accompanied by an appropriate application form, to the person previously allowed the exemption.