

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Under current law, a person is ineligible to serve on an appraisal review board of an appraisal district established for a county having a population of more than 100,000 persons if the person is a former member of the appraisal district's board of directors, a former officer, a former employee of the district or has served for all or part of three previous terms as a member of the appraisal review board.

H.B. 975 removes the restriction preventing a person who has served for all or part of three previous terms as a member of an appraisal review board of an appraisal district established for a county having a population of more than 100,000 from serving a subsequent term.

Individuals who serve on appraisal review boards are limited to three terms. Unfortunately, with a shortage of qualified individuals who are willing to serve, this limitation restricts some of the most qualified individuals from serving. This bill removes the three-term limitation.

H.B. 975 amends current law relating to eligibility to serve on the appraisal review board of an appraisal district.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 6.412(d) and (e), Tax Code, as follows:

(d) Provides that a person is ineligible to serve on the appraisal review board of an appraisal district established for a county having a population of more than 100,000 if the person:

- (1) is a former member of the board of directors, former officer, or former employee of the appraisal district;
- (2) served as a member of the governing body or officer of a taxing unit for which the appraisal district appraises property, until the fourth anniversary of the date the person ceased to be a member or officer; or
- (3) has ever appeared before the appraisal review board for compensation.

Deletes existing text providing that a person is ineligible to serve on the appraisal review board of an appraisal district established for a county having a population of more than 100,000 if the person has served for all or part of three previous terms as a board member or auxiliary board member on the appraisal review board.

(e) Provides that a person, rather than a person in an appraisal district established for a county having a population of 100,000 or less, who has served for all or part of three consecutive terms as a board member, rather than as a board member or auxiliary board

member, on an appraisal review board is ineligible to serve on the appraisal review board during a term that begins on the next January 1 following the third of those consecutive terms.

SECTION 2. Repealer: Section 6.412(f) (relating to a reference to an auxiliary board member meaning an appointed appraisal review board auxiliary member), Tax Code.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.