

Amend CSHB 585 (senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) Between the enacting clause and SECTION 1 of the bill (page 1, between lines 29 and 30) insert the following SECTION 0A to read as follows:

SECTION 0A. Section 1151.1581, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) As part of the continuing education requirements for a registered professional appraiser who is the chief appraiser of an appraisal district, the commission by rule shall require the registrant to complete:

(1) at least half of the required hours in a program devoted to one or more of the topics listed in Section 1151.164(b); and

(2) at least two of the required hours in a program of professional ethics specific to the chief appraiser of an appraisal district, including a program on the importance of maintaining the independence of an appraisal office from political pressure.

(2) Between SECTION 3 and SECTION 4 of the bill (page 3, between lines 1 and 2) insert the following SECTION 3A and SECTION 3B to read as follows:

SECTION 3A. Sections 6.05(c) and (d), Tax Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) The chief appraiser is the chief administrator of the appraisal office. Except as provided by Section 6.0501, the [The] chief appraiser is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the appraisal district board of directors. If a taxing unit performs the duties of the appraisal office pursuant to a contract, the assessor for the unit is the chief appraiser. To be eligible to be appointed or serve as a chief appraiser, a person must be certified as a registered professional appraiser under Section 1151.160, Occupations Code, possess an MAI professional designation from the Appraisal Institute, or possess an Assessment Administration Specialist (AAS), Certified Assessment Evaluator (CAE), or Residential Evaluation Specialist (RES) professional designation from the International Association of Assessing Officers. A person who is eligible to be appointed or serve as a chief appraiser by having a professional designation described by this subsection must

become certified as a registered professional appraiser under Section 1151.160, Occupations Code, not later than the fifth anniversary of the date the person is appointed or begins to serve as chief appraiser. A chief appraiser who is not eligible to be appointed or serve as chief appraiser may not perform an action authorized or required by law to be performed by a chief appraiser, including the preparation, certification, or submission of any part of the appraisal roll. Not later than January 1 of each year, a chief appraiser shall notify the comptroller in writing that the chief appraiser is either eligible to be appointed or serve as the chief appraiser or not eligible to be appointed or serve as the chief appraiser.

(d) Except as provided by Section 6.0501, the ~~[The]~~ chief appraiser is entitled to compensation as provided by the budget adopted by the board of directors. The chief appraiser's compensation may not be directly or indirectly linked to an increase in the total market, appraised, or taxable value of property in the appraisal district. Except as provided by Section 6.0501, the ~~[The]~~ chief appraiser may employ and compensate professional, clerical, and other personnel as provided by the budget, with the exception of a general counsel to the appraisal district.

SECTION 3B. Subchapter A, Chapter 6, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 6.0501 to read as follows:

Sec. 6.0501. APPOINTMENT OF ELIGIBLE CHIEF APPRAISER BY COMPTROLLER. (a) The comptroller shall appoint a person eligible to be a chief appraiser under Section 6.05(c) or a person who has previously been appointed or served as a chief appraiser to perform the duties of chief appraiser for an appraisal district whose chief appraiser is ineligible to serve.

(b) A chief appraiser appointed under this section serves until the earlier of:

(1) the first anniversary of the date the comptroller appoints the chief appraiser; or

(2) the date the board of directors of the appraisal district:

(A) appoints a chief appraiser under Section

6.05(c); or

(B) contracts with an appraisal district or a taxing unit to perform the duties of the appraisal office for the district under Section 6.05(b).

(c) The comptroller shall determine the compensation of a chief appraiser appointed under this section. A chief appraiser appointed under this section shall determine the budget necessary for the adequate operation of the appraisal office, subject to the approval of the comptroller. The board of directors of the appraisal district shall amend the budget as necessary to compensate the appointed chief appraiser and fund the appraisal office as determined under this subsection.

(d) An appraisal district that does not appoint a chief appraiser or contract with an appraisal district or a taxing unit to perform the duties of the appraisal office by the first anniversary of the date the comptroller appoints a chief appraiser shall contract with an appraisal district or a taxing unit to perform the duties of the appraisal office or with a qualified public or private entity to perform the duties of the chief appraiser, subject to the approval of the comptroller.

(3) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. The Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall adopt the rules required by Section 1151.1581(f), Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2014.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. A person appointed or serving as a chief appraiser in an appraisal district established in a county with a population of 100,000 or less on the effective date of this Act who is not eligible to be appointed or serve as a chief appraiser under Section 6.05(c), Tax Code, as amended by this Act, but who is registered with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and classified as a Class III appraiser under the rules of the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation may continue to serve as the chief appraiser until January 1, 2016.

(4) In SECTION 26 of the bill, providing for the effective dates of the Act, strike Subsection (b) (page 10, lines 39-40) and

substitute the following:

(b) Sections 0A, 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4, 5, 8, 9, 13, 14, and 25 of this Act take effect January 1, 2014.

(5) Renumber the SECTIONS of the bill and cross-references accordingly.