

Amend CSHB 1494 (senate committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered article to the bill and renumbering the articles of the bill accordingly:

ARTICLE \_\_. REGULATION OF CITRUS PEST AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT

SECTION \_\_.01. Section 80.003(6), Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(6) "Citrus producer" means a person who grows citrus and receives or intends to receive income from the sale of citrus. The term includes an individual who as owner, landlord, tenant, or sharecropper is entitled to share in the citrus grown and available for marketing from a farm or to share in the proceeds from the sale of the citrus from the farm. The term includes a person who owns land that is primarily used to grow citrus and that is appraised based on agricultural use under Chapter 23, Tax Code, regardless of whether the person receives income from the sale of citrus, and there is an irrebuttable presumption that the person intends to receive income from the sale of citrus.

SECTION \_\_.02. Section 80.015(b), Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The commissioner shall propose in a referendum the:

(1) maximum assessment to be paid by citrus producers [~~having production~~] in the pest management zone; and

(2) time for which the assessment will be made.

SECTION \_\_.03. Section 80.016(d), Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) A citrus producer [~~having citrus production~~] in a proposed or established pest management zone is entitled to:

(1) vote in a referendum concerning the pest management zone; and

(2) elect board members to represent the pest management zone.

SECTION \_\_.04. The changes in law made by this article to Sections 80.015(b) and 80.016(d), Agriculture Code, apply only to an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act. An election ordered before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the election was ordered, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.