

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 326
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under current law, an individual is ineligible to serve on the appraisal review board of an appraisal district established for a county having a population of 100,000 or more if the person is a former member of the district's board of directors, former officer, former employee of the district, or has served for all or part of three previous terms as a board member. H.B. 326 seeks to expand the eligibility by allowing a person who has served for all or part of three previous terms as a board member to sit out a term and then become eligible to reapply.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 326 amends the Tax Code to remove as a condition of ineligibility for service on the appraisal review board of an appraisal district established for a county having a population of more than 100,000 the fact that a person has served all or part of three previous terms as a board member or auxiliary board member on the appraisal review board and clarifies that a person is ineligible to serve on such an appraisal review board on the basis of former service as either a member of the appraisal district's board of directors or as a district officer or employee. The bill makes a provision rendering a person who has served all or part of three consecutive terms as a board member or an auxiliary board member on the appraisal review board in an appraisal district established for a county other than a county having a population of 100,000 or less ineligible for service on such an appraisal review board during a term that begins on the next January 1 following the third of those consecutive terms applicable in all counties by removing the population bracket, but the bill removes such prior service as an auxiliary board member as a condition of ineligibility. The bill repeals a provision relating to a reference to an auxiliary board member appointed under a previously repealed authorization for such appointments.

H.B. 326 repeals Section 6.412(f), Tax Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2013.