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H.B. No. 2232

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the education requirements for certain property tax professionals to be eligible for registration.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1151.152, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1151.152. ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION. (a) To be eligible for registration, an applicant must:

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) reside in this state;
- (3) be of good moral character;
- (4) either:

(A) hold an associate's degree or more advanced degree from an accredited institution of higher education or have successfully completed at least 59 hours of college credit from an accredited institution of higher education; or

(B) have held:

(i) an active license as a real estate broker or salesperson for at least four years; or

(ii) an active license or certificate as a real estate appraiser for at least 12 months ~~[be a graduate of an accredited high school or establish high school graduation equivalency]~~; and

- (5) be actively engaged in appraisal, assessment, or

1 collection.

2 (b) The department may register an applicant actively
3 engaged in appraisal, assessment, or collection for an appraisal
4 district located in a county with a population of less than 25,000
5 who does not meet the requirements of Subsection (a)(4) if the
6 applicant is a graduate of an accredited high school or establishes
7 high school graduation equivalency.

8 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section
9 1151.152, Occupations Code, applies only to an application for
10 registration that is submitted to the Texas Department of Licensing
11 and Regulation on or after the effective date of this Act. An
12 application for registration submitted before that date is governed
13 by the law in effect at the time the application was submitted, and
14 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.