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H.B. No. 2314

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to annual training for certain members of the board of directors of an appraisal district.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 5, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 5.043 to read as follows:

Sec. 5.043. TRAINING OF APPRAISAL DISTRICT DIRECTORS. (a) In this section, "open government training" means the courses of training required of certain public officials by Sections 551.005(b) and 552.012(d), Government Code.

(b) The comptroller, with the assistance of one or more commissions as defined by Section 391.002, Local Government Code, shall develop an online training course for members of the board of directors of an appraisal district. The training must provide information relevant to the operation of an appraisal district and its board of directors, including an overview of the property tax system, a discussion of the duties and responsibilities of a board of directors, and a description of the resources available to a board. The comptroller shall make the training available on the comptroller's Internet website.

(c) Each member of the board of directors of an appraisal district must annually complete both the open government training and the training described by Subsection (b). The appraisal district shall conduct the training required by this section at the

1 first public meeting of the board during each calendar year. A  
2 member of the board who does not complete the training at that  
3 meeting must complete the training during regular business hours at  
4 the main office of the appraisal district not later than the 30th  
5 day after the date of that meeting.

6 (d) A member of the board of directors who does not complete  
7 the training in the time and manner prescribed by Subsection (c) is  
8 ineligible to continue to serve on the board. A new board member  
9 shall be elected in the manner prescribed by Section 6.03(1) to fill  
10 the vacancy. A member elected to fill a vacancy must complete the  
11 training required by Subsection (c) not later than the 30th day  
12 after the date the member is elected or the member becomes  
13 ineligible to continue to serve on the board and shall be replaced  
14 as provided by this subsection.

15 (e) This section does not apply to a nonvoting member of the  
16 board of directors of an appraisal district.

17 SECTION 2. The comptroller of public accounts shall make  
18 available the training course required by Section 5.043, Tax Code,  
19 as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2014.

20 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
21 a member of the board of directors of an appraisal district  
22 appointed or elected for a term that begins on or after January 1,  
23 2014.

24 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.