

Amend HB 1596 (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) On page 8, line 24, strike "and 1122.2524" and substitute "1122.2524, and 1122.2525".

(2) On page 10, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

Sec. 1122.2525. REDUCTION IN AD VALOREM TAX RATE BY COUNTY.
The Hidalgo County Commissioners Court, in determining the county ad valorem tax rate for the first year in which the district imposes ad valorem taxes on property in the district, shall:

(1) take into account the decrease in the amount the county will spend for health care purposes in that year because the district is providing health care services previously provided or paid for by the county; and

(2) reduce the county's ad valorem tax rate in accordance with the decreased amount of required spending described by Subdivision (1).

(3) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. The provisions of this Act or the applications of those provisions are severable as provided by Section 311.032(c), Government Code.