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H.B. No. 32

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 32:

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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the computation and rates of the franchise tax;
- 3 decreasing tax rates; amending provisions subject to a criminal
- 4 penalty.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Sections 171.002(a) and (b), Tax Code, are
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 (a) Subject to Sections 171.003 and 171.1016 and except as
- 9 provided by Subsection (b), the rate of the franchise tax is 0.75
- 10 [one] percent of taxable margin.
- 11 (b) Subject to Sections 171.003 and 171.1016, the rate of
- 12 the franchise tax is 0.375 [0.5] percent of taxable margin for those
- 13 taxable entities primarily engaged in retail or wholesale trade.
- SECTION 2. Sections 171.1016(a) and (b), Tax Code, are
- 15 amended to read as follows:
- 16 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a
- 17 taxable entity whose total revenue from its entire business is not
- 18 more than  $\frac{$20}{}$  [ $\frac{$10}{}$ ] million may elect to pay the tax imposed under
- 19 this chapter in the amount computed and at the rate provided by this
- 20 section rather than in the amount computed and at the tax rate
- 21 provided by Section 171.002.
- (b) The amount of the tax for which a taxable entity that
- 23 elects to pay the tax as provided by this section is liable is
- 24 computed by:

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- 1 (1) determining the taxable entity's total revenue
- 2 from its entire business, as determined under Section 171.1011;
- 3 (2) apportioning the amount computed under
- 4 Subdivision (1) to this state, as provided by Section 171.106, to
- 5 determine the taxable entity's apportioned total revenue; and
- 6 (3) multiplying the amount computed under Subdivision
- 7 (2) by the rate of 0.331 [0.575] percent.
- 8 SECTION 3. This Act applies only to a report originally due
- 9 on or after the effective date of this Act.
- 10 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.