By: Lozano H.B. No. 806

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 806:

By: Turner of Tarrant C.S.H.B. No. 806

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to proof of eligibility for an exemption from ad valorem

- 3 taxation of the residence homestead of a person.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 11.43(j), Tax Code, is amended to read as 6 follows:
- 7 (j) In addition to the items required by Subsection (f), an
- 8 application for a residence homestead exemption prescribed by the
- 9 comptroller and authorized by Section 11.13 must:
- 10 (1) list each owner of the residence homestead and the
- 11 interest of each owner;
- 12 (2) state that the applicant does not claim an
- 13 exemption under that section on another residence homestead in this
- 14 state or claim a residence homestead exemption on a residence
- 15 homestead outside this state;
- 16 (3) state that each fact contained in the application
- 17 is true;
- 18 (4) include a copy of the applicant's driver's license
- 19 or state-issued personal identification certificate unless the
- 20 applicant:
- 21 (A) is a resident of a facility that provides
- 22 services related to health, infirmity, or aging; [ex]
- 23 (B) is certified for participation in the address
- 24 confidentiality program administered by the attorney general under

- 1 Subchapter C, Chapter 56, Code of Criminal Procedure; or
- 2 (C) includes with the application an affidavit
- 3 signed by the applicant stating that:
- 4 (i) the applicant is unable to obtain a
- 5 driver's license or state-issued personal identification
- 6 certificate because the applicant has a religious objection to
- 7 being photographed and has consistently refused to be photographed
- 8 for any governmental purpose; and
- 9 (ii) the property for which the applicant
- 10 is claiming the exemption is the applicant's residence homestead;
- 11 (5) state that the applicant has read and understands
- 12 the notice of the penalties required by Subsection (f); and
- 13 (6) be signed by the applicant.
- 14 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
- 15 to an application for a residence homestead exemption from ad
- 16 valorem taxation filed on or after the effective date of this Act.
- 17 An application for a residence homestead exemption from ad valorem
- 18 taxation filed before the effective date of this Act is covered by
- 19 the law in effect on the date the application was filed, and that
- 20 law is continued in effect for that purpose.
- 21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.