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H.B. No. 964

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the calculation of the rollback tax rate of a school district.

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

SECTION 1. Section 26.08, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsections (q) and (r) to read as follows:

(q) This subsection applies only to a school district described by Subsection (n) whose adopted tax rate was approved at an election under this section in the 2006 tax year or any subsequent tax year. Notwithstanding Subsection (n), for purposes of this section, the rollback tax rate of the school district is the higher of:

(1) the amount computed under Subsection (n); or

(2) the sum of the following:

(A) the highest maintenance and operations tax rate adopted by the district for the 2007 tax year or any subsequent tax year in which the adopted tax rate of the district was approved at an election under this section; and

(B) the district's current debt rate.

(r) Subsection (q) applies to a school district only if the district has adopted a tax rate equal to or higher than the rate provided by that subsection for any tax year in the preceding 10 tax years.

SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies to

1 the ad valorem tax rate of a school district beginning with the 2015
2 tax year, except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section.

3 (b) If the governing body of a school district adopted an ad
4 valorem tax rate for the school district for the 2015 tax year
5 before the effective date of this Act, the change in law made by
6 this Act applies to the ad valorem tax rate of that school district
7 beginning with the 2016 tax year, and the law in effect when the tax
8 rate was adopted applies to the 2015 tax year with respect to that
9 school district.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.