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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the transparent and equitable application of ad valorem
3 taxation procedures.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 1.111(f) and (j), Tax Code, are amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (f) A property owner in writing filed with the appraisal
8 district may direct the appraisal district, appraisal review board,
9 and each taxing unit participating in the appraisal district to
10 deliver all notices, tax bills, refunds, orders, and other
11 communications relating to one or more specified items of the
12 owner's property to a specified person instead of to the property
13 owner. The instrument must clearly identify the person by name and
14 give the person's address to which all notices, tax bills, refunds,
15 orders, and other communications are to be delivered. The property
16 owner may but is not required to designate the person's agent for
17 other tax matters designated under Subsection (a) as the person to
18 receive all notices, tax bills, refunds, orders, and other
19 communications. The designation of an agent for other tax matters
20 under Subsection (a) may also provide that the agent is the person
21 to whom notices, tax bills, refunds, orders, and other
22 communications are to be delivered under this subsection.

23 (j) An individual exempt from registration as a property tax
24 consultant under Section 1152.002, Occupations Code, who is not

1 supervised, directed, or compensated by a person required to
2 register as a property tax consultant under that chapter and who
3 files a protest with the appraisal review board on behalf of the
4 property owner is entitled to receive all notices from the
5 appraisal district and appraisal review board regarding the
6 property subject to the protest until the authority is revoked by
7 the property owner as provided by this section. An individual to
8 which this subsection applies who is not designated by the property
9 owner to receive notices, tax bills, refunds, orders, and other
10 communications as provided by Subsection (f) or Section 1.11 shall
11 file a statement with the protest that includes:

- 12 (1) the individual's name and address;
- 13 (2) a statement that the individual is acting on
14 behalf of the property owner; and
- 15 (3) a statement of the basis for the individual's
16 exemption from registration under Section 1152.002, Occupations
17 Code.

18 SECTION 2. Chapter 1, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section
19 1.14 to read as follows:

20 Sec. 1.14. INTEREST RATE. Except as otherwise provided by
21 this title, for purposes of a provision of this title providing for
22 the accrual of interest, interest accrues at an annual rate equal to
23 the sum of two percent and the most recent prime rate quoted and
24 published by the Federal Reserve Board as of the first day of the
25 month in which the interest is first calculated.

26 SECTION 3. Chapter 5, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section
27 5.091 to read as follows:

1 Sec. 5.091. STATEWIDE LIST OF TAX RATES. (a) Each year the
2 comptroller shall prepare a list that includes the total tax rate
3 imposed by each taxing unit in this state, other than a school
4 district, for the year preceding the year in which the list is
5 prepared. The comptroller shall list the tax rates in descending
6 order.

7 (b) Not later than December 31 of each year, the comptroller
8 shall publish on the comptroller's Internet website the list
9 required by Subsection (a).

10 SECTION 4. Section 11.135(c), Tax Code, is amended to read
11 as follows:

12 (c) If an owner receives an exemption for property under
13 Section 11.13 under the circumstances described by Subsection (a)
14 and sells the property before the owner completes construction of a
15 replacement qualified residential structure on the property, an
16 additional tax is imposed on the property equal to the difference
17 between the taxes imposed on the property for each of the years in
18 which the owner received the exemption and the tax that would have
19 been imposed had the owner not received the exemption in each of
20 those years, plus interest at the rate provided by Section 1.14 [~~an~~
21 ~~annual rate of seven percent~~] calculated from the dates on which the
22 differences would have become due.

23 SECTION 5. Section 11.181(e), Tax Code, is amended to read
24 as follows:

25 (e) If the organization that owns improved or unimproved
26 real property that has been exempted under Subsection (a) sells the
27 property to a person other than an individual or family satisfying

1 the organization's low-income or other eligibility requirements, a
2 penalty is imposed on the property equal to the amount of the taxes
3 that would have been imposed on the property in each tax year that
4 the property was exempted from taxation under Subsection (a), plus
5 interest at the rate provided by Section 1.14 [~~an annual rate of 12~~
6 ~~percent~~] calculated from the dates on which the taxes would have
7 become due.

8 SECTION 6. Section 11.185(e), Tax Code, is amended to read
9 as follows:

10 (e) If the organization that owns improved or unimproved
11 real property that has been exempted under Subsection (a) sells the
12 property to a person other than a person described by Section
13 2306.786(b)(1), Government Code, a penalty is imposed on the
14 property equal to the amount of the taxes that would have been
15 imposed on the property in each tax year that the property was
16 exempted from taxation under Subsection (a), plus interest at the
17 rate provided by Section 1.14 of this code [~~an annual rate of 12~~
18 ~~percent~~] computed from the dates on which the taxes would have
19 become due.

20 SECTION 7. Section 11.201(a), Tax Code, is amended to read
21 as follows:

22 (a) If land is sold or otherwise transferred to another
23 person in a year in which the land receives an exemption under
24 Section 11.20(a)(6), an additional tax is imposed on the land equal
25 to the tax that would have been imposed on the land had the land been
26 taxed for each of the five years preceding the year in which the
27 sale or transfer occurs in which the land received an exemption

1 under that subsection, plus interest at the rate provided by
2 Section 1.14 [~~an annual rate of seven percent~~] calculated from the
3 dates on which the taxes would have become due.

4 SECTION 8. Section 11.431(b), Tax Code, is amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (b) If a late application is approved after approval of the
7 appraisal records by the appraisal review board, the chief
8 appraiser shall notify the collector for each unit in which the
9 residence is located. The collector shall deduct from the person's
10 tax bill the amount of tax imposed on the exempted amount if the tax
11 has not been paid. If the tax has been paid, the collector shall
12 refund the amount of tax imposed on the exempted amount. A person is
13 not required to apply for a refund under this subsection to receive
14 the refund.

15 SECTION 9. Section 23.46(c), Tax Code, is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 (c) If land that has been designated for agricultural use in
18 any year is sold or diverted to a nonagricultural use, the total
19 amount of additional taxes for the three years preceding the year in
20 which the land is sold or diverted plus interest at the rate
21 provided by Section 1.14 [~~for delinquent taxes~~] becomes due. A
22 determination that the land has been diverted to a nonagricultural
23 use is made by the chief appraiser. For purposes of this
24 subsection, the chief appraiser may not consider any period during
25 which land is owned by the state in determining whether the land has
26 been diverted to a nonagricultural use. The chief appraiser shall
27 deliver a notice of the determination to the owner of the land as

1 soon as possible after making the determination and shall include
2 in the notice an explanation of the owner's right to protest the
3 determination. If the owner does not file a timely protest or if
4 the final determination of the protest is that the additional taxes
5 are due, the assessor for each taxing unit shall prepare and deliver
6 a bill for the additional taxes plus interest as soon as practicable
7 after the change of use occurs. If the additional taxes are due
8 because of a sale of the land, the assessor for each taxing unit
9 shall prepare and deliver the bill as soon as practicable after the
10 sale occurs. The taxes and interest are due and become delinquent
11 and incur penalties and interest as provided by law for ad valorem
12 taxes imposed by the taxing unit if not paid before the next
13 February 1 that is at least 20 days after the date the bill is
14 delivered to the owner of the land.

15 SECTION 10. Section 23.55(a), Tax Code, is amended to read
16 as follows:

17 (a) If the use of land that has been appraised as provided by
18 this subchapter changes, an additional tax is imposed on the land
19 equal to the difference between the taxes imposed on the land for
20 each of the five years preceding the year in which the change of use
21 occurs that the land was appraised as provided by this subchapter
22 and the tax that would have been imposed had the land been taxed on
23 the basis of market value in each of those years, plus interest at
24 the rate provided by Section 1.14 [~~an annual rate of seven percent~~]
25 calculated from the dates on which the differences would have
26 become due. For purposes of this subsection, the chief appraiser
27 may not consider any period during which land is owned by the state

1 in determining whether a change in the use of the land has occurred.

2 SECTION 11. Section 23.76(a), Tax Code, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 (a) If the use of land that has been appraised as provided by
5 this subchapter changes, an additional tax is imposed on the land
6 equal to the difference between the taxes imposed on the land for
7 each of the five years preceding the year in which the change of use
8 occurs that the land was appraised as provided by this subchapter
9 and the tax that would have been imposed had the land been taxed on
10 the basis of market value in each of those years, plus interest at
11 the rate provided by Section 1.14 [~~an annual rate of seven percent~~]
12 calculated from the dates on which the differences would have
13 become due.

14 SECTION 12. Section 23.86(a), Tax Code, is amended to read
15 as follows:

16 (a) If land that has been appraised under this subchapter is
17 no longer subject to a deed restriction or is diverted to a use
18 other than recreational, park, or scenic uses, an additional tax is
19 imposed on the land equal to the difference between the taxes
20 imposed on the land for each of the five years preceding the year in
21 which the change of use occurs or the deed restriction expires that
22 the land was appraised as provided by this subchapter and the tax
23 that would have been imposed had the land not been restricted to
24 recreational, park, or scenic uses in each of those years, plus
25 interest at the rate provided by Section 1.14 [~~an annual rate of~~
26 ~~seven percent~~] calculated from the dates on which the differences
27 would have become due.

1 SECTION 13. Section 23.96(a), Tax Code, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (a) If airport property that has been appraised under this
4 subchapter is no longer subject to a deed restriction, an
5 additional tax is imposed on the property equal to the difference
6 between the taxes imposed on the property for each of the five years
7 preceding the year in which the deed restriction expires that the
8 property was appraised as provided by this subchapter and the tax
9 that would have been imposed had the property not been restricted to
10 use as public access airport property in each of those years, plus
11 interest at the rate provided by Section 1.14 [~~an annual rate of~~
12 ~~seven percent~~] calculated from the dates on which the differences
13 would have become due.

14 SECTION 14. Sections 23.9807(a) and (b), Tax Code, are
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (a) If the use of land that has been appraised as provided by
17 this subchapter changes to a use that qualifies the land for
18 appraisal under Subchapter E, an additional tax is imposed on the
19 land equal to the sum of:

20 (1) the difference between:

21 (A) the taxes imposed on the land for each of the
22 five years preceding the year in which the change of use occurs that
23 the land was appraised as provided by this subchapter; and

24 (B) the taxes that would have been imposed had
25 the land been appraised under Subchapter E in each of those years;
26 and

27 (2) interest at the rate provided by Section 1.14 [~~an~~

1 ~~annual rate of seven percent~~] calculated from the dates on which the
2 differences would have become due.

3 (b) If the use of land that has been appraised as provided by
4 this subchapter changes to a use that does not qualify the land for
5 appraisal under Subchapter E or under this subchapter, an
6 additional tax is imposed on the land equal to the sum of:

7 (1) the difference between:

8 (A) the taxes imposed on the land for each of the
9 five years preceding the year in which the change of use occurs that
10 the land was appraised as provided by this subchapter; and

11 (B) the taxes that would have been imposed had
12 the land been taxed on the basis of market value in each of those
13 years; and

14 (2) interest at the rate provided by Section 1.14 [~~an~~
15 ~~annual rate of seven percent~~] calculated from the dates on which the
16 differences would have become due.

17 SECTION 15. Section 26.06(d), Tax Code, is amended to read
18 as follows:

19 (d) At the public hearings the governing body shall announce
20 the date, time, and place of the meeting at which it will vote on the
21 proposed tax rate. After each hearing the governing body shall
22 give notice of the meeting at which it will vote on the proposed tax
23 rate and the notice shall be in the same form as prescribed by
24 Subsections (b) and (c), except that it must state the following:

25 "NOTICE OF TAX REVENUE INCREASE

26 "The (name of the taxing unit) conducted public hearings on
27 (date of first hearing) and (date of second hearing) on a proposal

1 to increase the total tax revenues of the (name of the taxing unit)
2 from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by (percentage
3 by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or
4 effective tax rate calculated under this chapter) percent.

5 "The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last
6 year's tax rate of (insert tax rate for the preceding year) for each
7 \$100 of taxable value was (insert total amount of taxes imposed in
8 the preceding year).

9 "The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the
10 proposed tax rate of (insert proposed tax rate) for each \$100 of
11 taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property
12 added to the tax roll this year, is (insert amount computed by
13 multiplying proposed tax rate by the difference between current
14 total value and new property value).

15 "The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the
16 proposed tax rate of (insert proposed tax rate) for each \$100 of
17 taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property
18 added to the tax roll this year, is (insert amount computed by
19 multiplying proposed tax rate by current total value).

20 "The (governing body of the taxing unit) is scheduled to vote
21 on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public
22 meeting to be held on (date of meeting) at (location of meeting,
23 including mailing address) at (time of meeting).

24 "The (governing body of the taxing unit) proposes to use the
25 increase in total tax revenue for the purpose of (description of
26 purpose of increase)."

27 SECTION 16. Section 26.09(d), Tax Code, is amended to read

1 as follows:

2 (d) If a property is subject to taxation for a prior year in
3 which it escaped taxation, the assessor shall calculate the tax for
4 each year separately. In calculating the tax, the assessor shall
5 use the assessment ratio and tax rate in effect in the unit for the
6 year for which back taxes are being imposed. Except as provided by
7 Subsection (d-1), the amount of back taxes due incurs interest
8 calculated at the rate provided by Section 1.14 [~~33.01(c)~~] from the
9 date the tax would have become delinquent had the tax been imposed
10 in the proper tax year.

11 SECTION 17. Section 26.15(f), Tax Code, is amended to read
12 as follows:

13 (f) If a correction that decreases the tax liability of a
14 property owner is made after the owner has paid the tax, the taxing
15 unit shall refund to the property owner the difference between the
16 tax paid and the tax legally due, except as provided by Section
17 25.25(n). A property owner is not required to apply for a refund
18 under this subsection to receive the refund.

19 SECTION 18. Section 26.08(b), Tax Code, is amended to read
20 as follows:

21 (b) The governing body shall order that the election be held
22 in the school district on a date not less than 30 or more than 90
23 days after the day on which it adopted the tax rate. Section
24 41.001, Election Code, does not apply to the election unless a date
25 specified by that section falls within the time permitted by this
26 section. At the election, the ballots shall be prepared to permit
27 voting for or against the proposition: "Approving the ad valorem

1 tax rate of \$_____ per \$100 valuation in (name of school district)
2 for the current year, a rate that is \$_____ higher per \$100
3 valuation than the school district rollback tax rate, for the
4 purpose of (description of purpose of increase)." The ballot
5 proposition must include the adopted tax rate and the difference
6 between that rate and the rollback tax rate in the appropriate
7 places.

8 SECTION 19. Section 31.12(a), Tax Code, is amended to read
9 as follows:

10 (a) If a refund of a tax provided by Section 11.431(b),
11 26.07(g), 26.15(f), 31.11, or 31.111 is paid on or before the 60th
12 day after the date the liability for the refund arises, no interest
13 is due on the amount refunded. If not paid on or before that 60th
14 day, the amount of the tax to be refunded accrues interest at the
15 rate provided by Section 1.14 [~~a rate of one percent for each month~~
16 ~~or part of a month that the refund is unpaid~~], beginning with the
17 date on which the liability for the refund arises.

18 SECTION 20. Section 33.01(c), Tax Code, is amended to read
19 as follows:

20 (c) A delinquent tax accrues interest at the rate provided
21 by Section 1.14 [~~a rate of one percent for each month or portion of a~~
22 ~~month the tax remains unpaid~~]. Interest payable under this section
23 is to compensate the taxing unit for revenue lost because of the
24 delinquency. A delinquent tax continues to accrue interest under
25 this subsection as long as the tax remains unpaid, regardless of
26 whether a judgment for the delinquent tax has been rendered.

27 SECTION 21. Section 33.06(d), Tax Code, is amended to read

1 as follows:

2 (d) A tax lien remains on the property and interest
3 continues to accrue during the period collection of taxes is
4 deferred or abated under this section. The annual interest rate
5 during the deferral or abatement period is the rate provided by
6 Section 1.14 [~~eight percent instead of the rate provided by Section~~
7 ~~33.01~~]. Interest and penalties that accrued or that were incurred
8 or imposed under Section 33.01 or 33.07 before the date the
9 individual files the deferral affidavit under Subsection (b) or the
10 date the judgment abating the suit is entered, as applicable, are
11 preserved. A penalty under Section 33.01 is not incurred during a
12 deferral or abatement period. The additional penalty under Section
13 33.07 may be imposed and collected only if the taxes for which
14 collection is deferred or abated remain delinquent on or after the
15 181st day after the date the deferral or abatement period expires.
16 A plea of limitation, laches, or want of prosecution does not apply
17 against the taxing unit because of deferral or abatement of
18 collection as provided by this section.

19 SECTION 22. Section 33.065(g), Tax Code, is amended to read
20 as follows:

21 (g) A tax lien remains on the property and interest
22 continues to accrue during the period collection of delinquent
23 taxes is deferred or abated under this section. The annual interest
24 rate during the deferral or abatement period is the rate provided by
25 Section 1.14 [~~eight percent instead of the rate provided by Section~~
26 ~~33.01~~]. Interest and penalties that accrued or that were incurred
27 or imposed under Section 33.01 or 33.07 before the date the

1 individual files the deferral affidavit under Subsection (c) or the
2 date the judgment abating the suit is entered, as applicable, are
3 preserved. A penalty is not incurred on the delinquent taxes for
4 which collection is deferred or abated during a deferral or
5 abatement period. The additional penalty under Section 33.07 may
6 be imposed and collected only if the delinquent taxes for which
7 collection is deferred or abated remain delinquent on or after the
8 91st day after the date the deferral or abatement period expires. A
9 plea of limitation, laches, or want of prosecution does not apply
10 against the taxing unit because of deferral or abatement of
11 collection as provided by this section.

12 SECTION 23. Section 42.23, Tax Code, is amended by adding
13 Subsection (i) to read as follows:

14 (i) An appraisal district employee may not testify as to the
15 value of real property in an appeal under Section 42.25 or 42.26
16 unless the person is authorized to perform an appraisal of real
17 estate under Section 1103.201, Occupations Code.

18 SECTION 24. Sections 42.42(c) and (d), Tax Code, are
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (c) If the final determination of an appeal occurs after the
21 property owner has paid a portion of the tax finally determined to
22 be due as required by Section 42.08, the assessor for each affected
23 taxing unit shall prepare and mail a supplemental tax bill in the
24 form and manner prescribed by Subsection (b). The additional tax is
25 due and becomes delinquent as provided by Subsection (b), but the
26 property owner is liable for [~~penalties and~~] interest on the tax
27 included in the supplemental bill calculated at the rate provided

1 by Section 1.14 [~~as provided by Section 33.01~~] as if the tax
2 included in the supplemental bill became delinquent on the original
3 delinquency date prescribed by Chapter 31. The property owner and
4 the chief appraiser may agree in writing to waive the interest
5 provided by this subsection on the additional tax due each affected
6 taxing unit for the period between the original delinquency date
7 and the first day of the next month that is at least 21 days after
8 the date the assessor for the taxing unit mails a supplemental tax
9 bill under this subsection.

10 (d) If the property owner did not pay any portion of the
11 taxes imposed on the property because the court found that payment
12 would constitute an unreasonable restraint on the owner's right of
13 access to the courts as provided by Section 42.08(d), after the
14 final determination of the appeal the assessor for each affected
15 taxing unit shall prepare and mail a supplemental tax bill in the
16 form and manner prescribed by Subsection (b). The additional tax is
17 due and becomes delinquent as provided by Subsection (b), but the
18 property owner is liable for interest on the tax included in the
19 supplemental bill calculated as provided by Section 1.14 [~~33.01~~] as
20 if the tax included in the supplemental bill became delinquent on
21 the delinquency date prescribed by Chapter 31.

22 SECTION 25. Section 42.43(b), Tax Code, is amended to read
23 as follows:

24 (b) For a refund made under this section, the taxing unit
25 shall include with the refund interest on the amount refunded
26 [~~calculated~~] at the rate provided by Section 1.14 [~~an annual rate~~
27 ~~that is equal to the sum of two percent and the most recent prime~~

1 ~~rate quoted and published by the Federal Reserve Board as of the~~
2 ~~first day of the month in which the refund is made, but not more than~~
3 ~~a total of eight percent,~~] calculated from the delinquency date for
4 the taxes until the date the refund is made.

5 SECTION 26. Sections 140.010(e) and (f), Local Government
6 Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (e) A county or municipality that proposes a property tax
8 rate that exceeds the lower of the effective tax rate or the
9 rollback tax rate shall provide the following notice:

10 "NOTICE OF (INSERT CURRENT TAX YEAR) TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX
11 RATE FOR (INSERT NAME OF COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY)

12 "A tax rate of \$_____ per \$100 valuation has been proposed for
13 adoption by the governing body of (insert name of county or
14 municipality). This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or
15 rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings
16 be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.
17 The governing body of (insert name of county or municipality)
18 proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for
19 the purpose of (description of purpose of increase).

20	PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$_____ per \$100
21	PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$_____ per \$100
22	EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$_____ per \$100
23	ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$_____ per \$100

24 "The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the
25 same amount of property tax revenue for (insert name of county or
26 municipality) from the same properties in both the (insert
27 preceding tax year) tax year and the (insert current tax year) tax

1 year.

2 "The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that (insert name of
3 county or municipality) may adopt before voters are entitled to
4 petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to
5 the rollback rate.

6 "YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS
7 FOLLOWS:

8
$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) /$$

9
$$100$$

10 "For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations,
11 please contact:

12 (insert name of county or municipal tax assessor-collector)
13 (insert name of county or municipality) tax
14 assessor-collector
15 (insert address)
16 (insert telephone number)
17 (insert e-mail address)
18 (insert Internet website address, if applicable)

19 "You are urged to attend and express your views at the following
20 public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

21 First Hearing: (insert date and time) at (insert location of
22 meeting).

23 Second Hearing: (insert date and time) at (insert location
24 of meeting)."

25 (f) A county or municipality shall:

26 (1) provide the notice required by Subsection (d) or
27 (e), as applicable, by the earlier of October [~~not later than~~

1 ~~September]~~ 1 or the 30th day after the date the taxing unit's
2 appraisal roll is certified by:

3 (A) publishing the notice in a newspaper having
4 general circulation in:

5 (i) the county, in the case of notice
6 published by a county; or

7 (ii) the county in which the municipality
8 is located or primarily located, in the case of notice published by
9 a municipality; or

10 (B) mailing the notice to each property owner in:

11 (i) the county, in the case of notice
12 provided by a county; or

13 (ii) the municipality, in the case of
14 notice provided by a municipality; and

15 (2) post the notice on the Internet website of the
16 county or municipality, if applicable, beginning by the earlier of
17 October [not later than September] 1 or the 30th day after the date
18 the taxing unit's appraisal roll is certified and continuing until
19 the county or municipality adopts a tax rate.

20 SECTION 27. Subchapter H, Chapter 49, Water Code, is
21 amended by adding Section 49.2361 to read as follows:

22 Sec. 49.2361. ADDITIONAL NOTICE FOR CERTAIN TAX INCREASES.
23 If a district proposes to adopt a combined tax rate that would
24 authorize the qualified voters of the district by petition to
25 require a rollback election to be held in the district, the notice
26 required by Section 49.236 must include a description of the
27 purpose of the proposed tax increase.

1 SECTION 28. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the
2 changes in law made by this Act apply only to an ad valorem tax year
3 that begins on or after the effective date of this Act.

4 (b) The change in law made by this Act to a provision of
5 Title 1, Tax Code, that affects the amount or rate of any penalty or
6 interest due applies only to penalties and interest that accrue on
7 or after the effective date of this Act. Penalties and interest
8 that accrued before the effective date of this Act are governed by
9 the law in effect when the penalties and interest accrued, and that
10 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

11 SECTION 29. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.