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H.B. No. 81

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the number of registered voters of a taxing unit other
3 than a school district who are required to sign a petition for an
4 election to determine whether to reduce the ad valorem tax rate
5 adopted by the unit to the rollback tax rate in order for the
6 petition to be valid.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 26.07(b), Tax Code, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 (b) A petition is valid only if:

11 (1) it states that it is intended to require an
12 election in the taxing unit on the question of reducing the tax rate
13 for the current year;

14 (2) it is signed by a number of registered voters of
15 the taxing unit equal to at least:

16 (A) one [~~seven~~] percent of the number of
17 registered voters of the taxing unit according to the most recent
18 list of registered voters if the tax rate adopted for the current
19 tax year would impose taxes for maintenance and operations in an
20 amount of at least \$10 [~~\$5~~] million; or

21 (B) three [~~10~~] percent of the number of
22 registered voters of the taxing unit according to the most recent
23 official list of registered voters if the tax rate adopted for the
24 current tax year would impose taxes for maintenance and operations

1 in an amount of less than \$10 [~~\$5~~] million; and

2 (3) it is submitted to the governing body on or before
3 the 90th day after the date on which the governing body adopted the
4 tax rate for the current year.

5 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to the
6 ad valorem tax rate of a taxing unit beginning with the 2018 tax
7 year.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2018.