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H.B. No. 168

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

14 (2) the sum of the following:

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

19 (B) the district's current debt rate.

20 (r) Subsection (q) applies to a school district only if:

21 (1) the district has adopted a tax rate equal to or  
22 higher than the rate provided by that subsection for any tax year in  
23 the preceding 10 tax years; and

24 (2) in the 2016 tax year or any subsequent tax year the

1 district adopted a tax rate that was lower than the tax rate  
2 described by Subsection (q)(2).

3 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to the  
4 ad valorem tax rate of a school district beginning with the 2018 tax  
5 year.

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