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	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1	AN ACT
2	relating to ad valorem taxation.
3	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
4	SECTION 1. Section 5.07, Tax Code, is amended by adding
5	Subsection (f) to read as follows:
6	(f) The comptroller shall prescribe the form of the
7	worksheets to be used by the designated officer or employee of each
8	taxing unit in calculating the no-new-taxes tax rate and rollback
9	tax rate for the unit as required by Chapter 26. The form must be in
10	an electronic format and be capable of:
11	(1) being completed electronically;
12	(2) performing calculations automatically based or
13	the data entered by the designated officer or employee;
14	(3) being certified by the designated officer or
15	employee after completion; and
16	(4) being submitted electronically to the comptroller
17	on completion and certification.
18	SECTION 2. Section 5.091, Tax Code, is amended to read as
19	follows:

23 district, if the tax rate is reported to the comptroller,] for the

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comptroller shall prepare a list that includes the total tax rate

imposed by each taxing unit in this state[$_{ au}$ other than a school

Sec. 5.091. STATEWIDE LIST OF TAX RATES. (a) Each year the

- 1 comptroller shall list the tax rates <u>alphabetically according to:</u>
- 2 (1) the county or counties in which each taxing unit is
- 3 located; and
- 4 (2) the name of each taxing unit [in descending
- 5 order].
- 6 (b) Not later than <u>January 1</u> [December 31] of the following
- 7 [each] year, the comptroller shall publish on the comptroller's
- 8 Internet website the list required by Subsection (a).
- 9 SECTION 3. Chapter 5, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section
- 10 5.092 to read as follows:
- 11 Sec. 5.092. STATEWIDE DATABASE OF OTHER PROPERTY TAX
- 12 RELATED INFORMATION. (a) The comptroller shall create and
- 13 maintain a property tax database that:
- 14 (1) contains information that is provided by
- 15 designated officers or employees of taxing units in the manner
- 16 <u>required by the comptroller;</u>
- 17 (2) is continuously updated as preliminary and revised
- 18 data become available to and are provided by the designated
- 19 officers or employees of taxing units;
- 20 (3) is accessible to the public; and
- 21 <u>(4) is searchable by property address.</u>
- (b) The database must include, with respect to each property
- 23 <u>listed on an appraisal roll:</u>
- 24 (1) the property's identification number;
- 25 (2) the property's market value;
- 26 (3) the property's taxable value;
- 27 (4) the name of each taxing unit in which the property

1	is located;
2	(5) for each taxing unit other than a school district
3	in which the property is located:
4	(A) the no-new-taxes tax rate; and
5	(B) the rollback tax rate;
6	(6) for each school district in which the property is
7	<pre>located:</pre>
8	(A) the rate to maintain the same amount of state
9	and local revenue per weighted student that the district received
10	in the school year beginning in the preceding tax year; and
11	(B) the rollback tax rate;
12	(7) the tax rate proposed by the governing body of each
13	taxing unit in which the property is located;
14	(8) for each taxing unit other than a school district
15	in which the property is located, the taxes that would be imposed on
16	the property if the unit adopted a tax rate equal to:
17	(A) the no-new-taxes tax rate; and
18	(B) the proposed tax rate;
19	(9) for each school district in which the property is
20	located, the taxes that would be imposed on the property if the unit
21	adopted a tax rate equal to:
22	(A) the rate to maintain the same amount of state
23	and local revenue per weighted student that the district received
24	in the school year beginning in the preceding tax year; and
25	(B) the proposed tax rate;
26	(10) for each taxing unit other than a school district
27	in which the property is located, the difference between the amount

- 1 calculated under Subdivision (8)(A) and the amount calculated under
- 2 Subdivision (8)(B);
- 3 (11) for each school district in which the property is
- 4 located, the difference between the amount calculated under
- 5 Subdivision (9)(A) and the amount calculated under Subdivision
- 6 (9)(B);
- 7 (12) the date and location of each public hearing, if
- 8 applicable, on the proposed tax rate to be held by the governing
- 9 body of each taxing unit in which the property is located; and
- 10 (13) the date and location of the public meeting in
- 11 which the tax rate will be adopted to be held by the governing body
- 12 of each taxing unit in which the property is located.
- 13 (c) The officer or employee designated by the governing body
- 14 of each taxing unit to calculate the no-new-taxes tax rate and the
- 15 rollback tax rate for the unit must electronically submit to the
- 16 <u>comptroller:</u>
- 17 (1) the information described by Subsection (b) as the
- 18 information becomes available; and
- 19 (2) the worksheets prepared under Section 26.04(d-1)
- 20 at the same time the officer or employee submits the tax rates to
- 21 the governing body of the unit under Section 26.04(e).
- (d) The comptroller shall deliver by e-mail to the
- 23 designated officer or employee confirmation of receipt of the
- 24 worksheets submitted under Subsection (c)(2). The comptroller
- 25 shall incorporate the worksheets into the database and make them
- 26 available to the public not later than the third day after the date
- 27 the comptroller receives them.

- 1 SECTION 4. Sections 25.19(b) and (i), Tax Code, are amended
- 2 to read as follows:
- 3 (b) The chief appraiser shall separate real from personal
- 4 property and include in the notice for each:
- 5 (1) a list of the taxing units in which the property is
- 6 taxable;
- 7 (2) the appraised value of the property in the
- 8 preceding year;
- 9 (3) the taxable value of the property in the preceding
- 10 year for each taxing unit taxing the property;
- 11 (4) the appraised value of the property for the
- 12 current year, the kind and amount of each exemption and partial
- 13 exemption, if any, approved for the property for the current year
- 14 and for the preceding year, and, if an exemption or partial
- 15 exemption that was approved for the preceding year was canceled or
- 16 reduced for the current year, the amount of the exemption or partial
- 17 exemption canceled or reduced;
- 18 (5) [if the appraised value is greater than it was in
- 19 the preceding year, the amount of tax that would be imposed on the
- 20 property on the basis of the tax rate for the preceding year;
- [(6)] in italic typeface, the following statement:
- 22 "The Texas Legislature does not set the amount of your local taxes.
- 23 Your property tax burden is decided by your locally elected
- 24 officials, and all inquiries concerning your taxes should be
- 25 directed to those officials";
- (6) $\left[\frac{(7)}{(7)}\right]$ a detailed explanation of the time and
- 27 procedure for protesting the value;

- 1 $\underline{(7)}$ [$\frac{(8)}{}$] the date and place the appraisal review
- 2 board will begin hearing protests; and
- 3 (8) $[\frac{(9)}{}]$ a brief explanation that the governing body
- 4 of each taxing unit decides whether or not taxes on the property
- 5 will increase and the appraisal district only determines the value
- 6 of the property.
- 7 (i) Delivery with a notice required by Subsection (a) or (g)
- 8 of a copy of the pamphlet published by the comptroller under Section
- 9 5.06 or a copy of the notice published by the chief appraiser under
- 10 Section 41.70 is sufficient to comply with the requirement that the
- 11 notice include the information specified by Subsection (b)(6)
- 12 $[\frac{(b)(7)}{(7)}]$ or (g)(3), as applicable.
- SECTION 5. Sections 26.01(c) and (d), Tax Code, are amended
- 14 to read as follows:
- 15 (c) The chief appraiser shall prepare and certify to the
- 16 assessor for each taxing unit a listing of those properties which
- 17 are taxable by that unit but which are under protest and therefore
- 18 not included on the appraisal roll approved by the appraisal review
- 19 board and certified by the chief appraiser. This listing shall
- 20 include the appraised market value, productivity value (if
- 21 applicable), and taxable value as determined by the appraisal
- 22 district and shall also include the market value, taxable value,
- 23 and productivity value (if applicable) as claimed by the property
- 24 owner filing the protest if available. If the property owner does
- 25 not claim a value and the appraised value of the property in the
- 26 current year is equal to or less than its value in the preceding
- 27 year, the listing shall include a reasonable estimate of the market

value, taxable value, and productivity value (if applicable) that 1 would be assigned to the property if the taxpayer's claim is upheld. 2 3 If the property owner does not claim a value and the appraised value of the property is higher than its appraised value in the preceding 4 5 year, the listing shall include the appraised market value, productivity value (if applicable) and taxable value of the 6 property in the preceding year, except that if there is a reasonable 7 8 likelihood that the appraisal review board will approve a lower appraised value for the property than its appraised value in the 9 preceding year, the chief appraiser shall make a reasonable 10 estimate of the taxable value that would be assigned to the property 11 A school district [The 12 if the property owner's claim is upheld. taxing unit | shall use the lower value for calculations as 13 14 prescribed in Section [Sections] 26.04 [and 26.041 of this code].

15 The chief appraiser shall prepare and certify to the assessor for each taxing unit a list of those properties of which 16 17 the chief appraiser has knowledge that are reasonably likely to be taxable by that unit but that are not included on the appraisal roll 18 certified to the assessor under Subsection (a) or included on the 19 listing certified to the assessor under Subsection (c). The chief 20 appraiser shall include on the list for each property the market 21 value, appraised value, and kind and amount of any partial 22 23 exemptions as determined by the appraisal district for the 24 preceding year and a reasonable estimate of the market value, appraised value, and kind and amount of any partial exemptions for 25 26 the current year. Until the property is added to the appraisal roll, the assessor for the taxing unit shall include each property 27

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- 1 on the list in the calculations prescribed by <u>Section</u> [<u>Sections</u>]
- 2 26.04 [and 26.041], and, in the case of the assessor for a school
- 3 <u>district</u>, <u>shall</u> for that purpose [shall] use the lower market
- 4 value, appraised value, or taxable value, as appropriate, included
- 5 on or computed using the information included on the list for the $\,$
- 6 property.
- 7 SECTION 6. Section 26.012(7), Tax Code, is amended to read
- 8 as follows:
- 9 (7) "Debt" means a bond, warrant, certificate of
- 10 obligation, or other evidence of indebtedness owed by a taxing unit
- 11 that has been approved at an election and is payable solely from
- 12 property taxes in installments over a period of more than one year,
- 13 not budgeted for payment from maintenance and operations funds, and
- 14 secured by a pledge of property taxes, or a payment made under
- 15 contract to secure indebtedness of a similar nature issued by
- 16 another political subdivision on behalf of the taxing unit.
- 17 SECTION 7. Section 26.012(9), Tax Code, is redesignated as
- 18 Section 26.012(18), Tax Code, and amended to read as follows:
- 19 (18) "No-new-taxes [(9) "Effective] maintenance and
- 20 operations rate" means a rate expressed in dollars per \$100 of
- 21 taxable value and calculated according to the following formula:
- 22 <u>NO-NEW-TAXES</u> [EFFECTIVE] MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS
- 23 RATE = (LAST YEAR'S LEVY LAST YEAR'S DEBT LEVY LAST
- 24 YEAR'S JUNIOR COLLEGE LEVY) / (CURRENT TOTAL VALUE -
- 25 NEW PROPERTY VALUE)
- SECTION 8. Chapter 26, Tax Code, is amended by adding
- 27 Section 26.035 to read as follows:

- 1 Sec. 26.035. CALCULATION OF NO-NEW-TAXES AND ROLLBACK TAX
- 2 RATES OF TAXING UNIT OTHER THAN SCHOOL DISTRICT. (a) This section
- 3 does not apply to a school district.
- 4 (b) Notwithstanding Section 26.012, in this section:
- 5 (1) "Actual collection rate" means the amount computed
- 6 by dividing the total amount of taxes, including delinquent taxes
- 7 and any penalties and interest on those taxes, collected between
- 8 July 1 of a tax year and June 30 of the following tax year by the
- 9 total amount of taxes levied in the tax year, expressed as a
- 10 percentage. If the actual collection rate exceeds 100 percent, the
- 11 rate may not be reduced to 100 percent.
- 12 (2) "Adjustment for additional sales tax" means the
- 13 rate expressed in dollars per \$100 of taxable value computed by
- 14 dividing the amount of additional sales and use tax revenue for the
- 15 current tax year as determined under Section 26.041 by the current
- 16 year total taxable value for rollback calculation.
- 17 (3) "Adjustment for indigent health care" means the
- 18 rate determined under Section 26.0441.
- 19 (4) "Adjustment for state criminal justice mandate"
- 20 means the rate determined under Section 26.044.
- 21 (5) "Average collection rate" means the average of the
- 22 actual collection rates for a taxing unit for the preceding three
- 23 tax years.
- 24 (6) "Current year debt rate" means a rate expressed in
- 25 dollars per \$100 of taxable value computed by:
- 26 (A) adding debt service and excess collections;
- 27 <u>(B) multiplying the amount computed under</u>

1 Paragraph (A) by the average collection rate; and 2 (C) dividing the amount computed under Paragraph (B) by the current year total taxable value for rollback 3 4 calculation. 5 (7) "Current year taxable value of homesteads subject to tax limitation" in the case of a county, municipality, or junior 6 7 college district means the taxable value of residence homesteads that qualify for a limitation on taxes imposed by the county, 8 municipality, or junior college district as provided by Section 9 10 11.261 for the current tax year. "Current year taxable value of new improvements" 11 (8) 12 means the amount computed by adding: (A) the taxable value of new improvements to real 13 property that were not on the appraisal roll for the preceding tax 14 15 year; and (B) the difference between the taxable value of 16 17 real property that is fully taxable in the current tax year but was not taxable wholly or partly in the preceding tax year because the 18 19 real property was subject to a tax abatement agreement and the taxable value of the real property in the preceding tax year. 20 21 (9) "Current year taxable value of property annexed" means the taxable value of real property and personal property 22 located in territory annexed to a taxing unit after January 1 of the 23 24 preceding tax year. (10) "Current year total taxable value" means the 25

(A) the total taxable value of property listed on

amount computed by adding the following applicable amounts:

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- 1 the certified appraisal roll for the current tax year, including
- 2 all appraisal roll supplements and corrections, as of the date of
- 3 the calculation;
- 4 (B) the taxable value of properties under protest
- 5 that are included on the list prepared by the chief appraiser under
- 6 Section 26.01(c);
- 7 (C) the taxable value of properties known to the
- 8 chief appraiser that are included on the list prepared by the chief
- 9 appraiser under Section 26.01(d); and
- 10 (D) in the case of a county, the county's
- 11 apportioned amount of the market value of rolling stock certified
- 12 to the county assessor-collector by the comptroller under Section
- 13 24.38.
- 14 (11) "Current year total taxable value for rollback
- 15 <u>calculation</u>" means the difference between the current year total
- 16 <u>taxable value and the current year taxable value of homesteads</u>
- 17 subject to tax limitation.
- 18 (12) "No-new-taxes maintenance and operations rate"
- 19 means a rate expressed in dollars per \$100 of taxable value computed
- 20 by:
- 21 (A) dividing the maintenance and operations tax
- 22 rate for the preceding tax year by the adopted tax rate for the
- 23 preceding tax year; and
- 24 (B) multiplying the amount computed under
- 25 Paragraph (A) by the no-new-taxes tax rate for the current tax year.
- 26 (13) "Preceding year taxable value in excess of new
- 27 special appraisal" means, for real property that has qualified for

- 1 special appraisal under Chapter 23 for the first time in the current
- 2 tax year, the difference between the taxable value of the property
- 3 in the preceding tax year and the taxable value of the property in
- 4 the current tax year.
- 5 (14) "Preceding year taxable value of homesteads
- 6 subject to tax limitation" means, for a county, municipality, or
- 7 junior college district, the taxable value of residence homesteads
- 8 that qualified for a limitation on taxes imposed by the county,
- 9 municipality, or junior college district as provided by Section
- 10 <u>11.261</u> for the preceding tax year.
- 11 (15) "Preceding year taxable value of newly exempt
- 12 real property" means the amount computed by adding:
- 13 (A) in the case of real property that is wholly
- 14 exempt from taxation for the first time in the current tax year, the
- 15 taxable value of the real property in the preceding tax year; and
- 16 (B) in the case of real property that is
- 17 partially exempt from taxation in the current tax year, the
- 18 difference between the amount of the value of the property that is
- 19 exempt from taxation in the current tax year and the amount of the
- 20 value of the property that was exempt from taxation in the preceding
- 21 tax year.
- 22 (16) "Preceding year taxable value of property
- 23 disannexed" means the taxable value of property that was taxable in
- 24 the preceding tax year but is not taxable in the current tax year
- 25 because the property is located in territory that ceased to be a
- 26 part of the taxing unit after January 1 of the preceding tax year.
- 27 (17) "Preceding year total taxable value" means the

- 1 total taxable value of property listed on the certified appraisal
- 2 roll for the preceding tax year, including all appraisal roll
- 3 supplements and corrections, as of the date of the calculation.
- 4 Appraisal roll corrections include any adjustments to taxable value
- 5 resulting from final court decisions regardless of whether the
- 6 appraisal roll has been corrected under Section 42.41 as of the date
- 7 of the calculation.
- 8 (18) "Tax levy, adjusted for lost value," means the
- 9 amount computed by:
- 10 (A) subtracting from the preceding year total
- 11 taxable value the sum of the following amounts:
- 12 (i) the preceding year taxable value of
- 13 homesteads subject to tax limitation;
- 14 (ii) the preceding year taxable value of
- 15 property disannexed;
- 16 <u>(iii)</u> the preceding year taxable value of
- 17 newly exempt real property; and
- 18 (iv) the preceding year taxable value in
- 19 excess of new special appraisal;
- 20 (B) dividing the amount computed under Paragraph
- 21 (A) by 100; and
- (C) multiplying the amount computed under
- 23 Paragraph (B) by the tax rate for the preceding tax year.
- 24 (19) "Taxable value, adjusted for new value," means
- 25 the amount computed by subtracting from the current year total
- 26 taxable value the sum of the following amounts:
- 27 (A) the current year taxable value of homesteads

1	subject to tax limitation;
2	(B) the current year taxable value of property
3	annexed; and
4	(C) the current year taxable value of new
5	<pre>improvements.</pre>
6	(c) For purposes of Subsection (b)(10)(A), appraisal roll
7	corrections include any adjustments to taxable value resulting from
8	final court decisions, regardless of whether the appraisal roll has
9	been corrected under Section 42.41 as of the date of the
10	<u>calculation</u> .
11	(d) For purposes of Subsections (b)(10)(B) and (C), the
12	taxable value of property means the taxable value of the property as
13	determined by the appraisal district rather than the value as
14	claimed by the property owner or estimated by the chief appraiser.
15	(e) The no-new-taxes tax rate of a taxing unit is the rate
16	expressed in dollars per \$100 of taxable value computed by dividing
17	the tax levy, adjusted for lost value, by the taxable value,
18	adjusted for new value.
19	(f) The rollback tax rate of a taxing unit is the rate
20	expressed in dollars per \$100 of taxable value computed by:
21	(1) adding the following rates:
22	(A) the product of the no-new-taxes maintenance
23	and operations rate and 1.05;
24	(B) the current year debt rate;
25	(C) the adjustment for state criminal justice
26	mandate; and
27	(D) the adjustment for indigent health care; and

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- 1 (2) subtracting from the rate computed under
- 2 Subdivision (1) the adjustment for additional sales tax.
- 3 SECTION 9. The heading to Section 26.04, Tax Code, is
- 4 amended to read as follows:
- 5 Sec. 26.04. SUBMISSION OF ROLL TO GOVERNING BODY;
- 6 NO-NEW-TAXES [EFFECTIVE] AND ROLLBACK TAX RATES.
- 7 SECTION 10. Section 26.04, Tax Code, is amended by amending
- 8 Subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (i), and (j) and adding
- 9 Subsections (d-1) and (e-2) to read as follows:
- 10 (c) An officer or employee designated by the governing body
- 11 shall calculate the no-new-taxes [effective] tax rate and the
- 12 rollback tax rate for the unit, where:
- 13 (1) "No-new-taxes tax rate" means:
- 14 (A) for a taxing unit other than a school
- 15 district, the no-new-taxes tax rate calculated under Section
- 16 26.035; and
- 17 (B) for a school district, ["Effective tax rate"
- 18 means] a rate expressed in dollars per \$100 of taxable value
- 19 calculated according to the following formula:
- 20 NO-NEW-TAXES [EFFECTIVE] TAX RATE = (LAST YEAR'S LEVY -
- 21 LOST PROPERTY LEVY) / (CURRENT TOTAL VALUE NEW
- 22 PROPERTY VALUE)
- 23 ; and
- 24 (2) "Rollback tax rate" means:
- 25 (A) for a taxing unit other than a school
- 26 district, the rollback tax rate calculated under Section 26.035;
- 27 and

- 1 (B) for a school district, the rate calculated
- 2 under Section 26.08. [a rate expressed in dollars per \$100 of
- 3 taxable value calculated according to the following formula:
- 4 [ROLLBACK TAX RATE (EFFECTIVE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS
- 5 RATE x 1.08) + CURRENT DEBT RATE]
- 6 (d) The <u>no-new-taxes</u> [effective] tax rate for a county is
- 7 the sum of the no-new-taxes [effective] tax rates calculated for
- 8 each type of tax the county levies and the rollback tax rate for a
- 9 county is the sum of the rollback tax rates calculated for each type
- 10 of tax the county levies.
- 11 (d-1) The designated officer or employee shall calculate
- 12 the no-new-taxes tax rate and the rollback tax rate for the taxing
- 13 unit using the forms prescribed by the comptroller under Section
- 14 5.07(f).
- 15 (e) By August 7 or as soon thereafter as practicable, the
- 16 designated officer or employee shall submit the rates to the
- 17 governing body. The designated officer or employee [He] shall
- 18 deliver by mail to each property owner in the unit or publish in a
- 19 newspaper in the form prescribed by the comptroller:
- 20 (1) the no-new-taxes [effective] tax rate, the
- 21 rollback tax rate, and an explanation of how they were calculated;
- 22 (2) the estimated amount of interest and sinking fund
- 23 balances and the estimated amount of maintenance and operation or
- 24 general fund balances remaining at the end of the current fiscal
- 25 year that are not encumbered with or by corresponding existing debt
- 26 obligation;
- 27 (3) a schedule of the unit's debt obligations showing:

- 1 the amount of principal and interest that will be paid to service the unit's debts in the next year from 2 property tax revenue, including payments of lawfully incurred 3 contractual obligations providing security for the payment of the 4 principal of and interest on bonds and other evidences of 5 indebtedness issued on behalf of the unit by another political 6 subdivision and, if the unit is created under Section 52, Article 7 8 III, or Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, payments on debts that the unit anticipates to incur in the next calendar year; 9
- (B) the amount by which taxes imposed for debt are to be increased because of the unit's anticipated collection rate; and
- (C) the total of the amounts listed in Paragraphs
 (A)-(B), less any amount collected in excess of the previous year's
 anticipated collections certified as provided in Subsection (b);
- 16 (4) the amount of additional sales and use tax revenue 17 anticipated in calculations under Section 26.041;
- (5) a statement that the adoption of a tax rate equal to the <u>no-new-taxes</u> [effective] tax rate would result in an increase or decrease, as applicable, in the amount of taxes imposed by the unit as compared to last year's levy, and the amount of the increase or decrease;
- (6) in <u>a</u> [the] year <u>in which</u> [that] a taxing unit calculates an adjustment under Subsection (i) or (j), a schedule that includes the following elements:
- 26 (A) the name of the unit discontinuing the 27 department, function, or activity;

- 1 (B) the amount of property tax revenue spent by
- 2 the unit listed under Paragraph (A) to operate the discontinued
- 3 department, function, or activity in the 12 months preceding the
- 4 month in which the calculations required by this chapter are made;
- 5 and
- 6 (C) the name of the unit that operates a distinct
- 7 department, function, or activity in all or a majority of the
- 8 territory of a taxing unit that has discontinued operating the
- 9 distinct department, function, or activity; and
- 10 (7) in the year following \underline{a} [the] year in which a
- 11 taxing unit raised its rollback <u>tax</u> rate as required by Subsection
- 12 (j), a schedule that includes the following elements:
- 13 (A) the amount of property tax revenue spent by
- 14 the unit to operate the department, function, or activity for which
- 15 the taxing unit raised the rollback tax rate as required by
- 16 Subsection (j) for the 12 months preceding the month in which the
- 17 calculations required by this chapter are made; and
- 18 (B) the amount published by the unit in the
- 19 preceding tax year under Subdivision (6)(B).
- 20 (e-2) By August 7 or as soon thereafter as practicable, the
- 21 <u>county assessor-collector for each county shall deliver by regular</u>
- 22 <u>mail or e-mail to each owner of property located in the county and</u>
- 23 shall post in a conspicuous place on the home page of the Internet
- 24 website of the county assessor-collector a notice that the
- 25 estimated amount of taxes to be imposed on the owner's property by
- 26 each taxing unit in which the property is located may be found in
- 27 the property tax database maintained by the comptroller under

- 1 Section 5.092. The notice must include:
- 2 (1) the address of the Internet website at which the
- 3 information may be found;
- 4 (2) a statement that the property owner may request a
- 5 written copy of the information from the assessor for each taxing
- 6 unit in which the property is located; and
- 7 (3) the address and telephone number of each assessor
- 8 from whom the written copy may be requested.
- 9 (f) If as a result of consolidation of taxing units a taxing
- 10 unit includes territory that was in two or more taxing units in the
- 11 preceding year, the amount of taxes imposed in each in the preceding
- 12 year is combined for purposes of calculating the no-new-taxes
- 13 [effective] and rollback tax rates under this section.
- 14 (g) A person who owns taxable property is entitled to an
- 15 injunction prohibiting the taxing unit in which the property is
- 16 taxable from adopting a tax rate if the assessor or designated
- 17 officer or employee of the unit, as applicable, has not complied
- 18 with the computation or publication requirements of this section or
- 19 Section 5.092(c) [and the failure to comply was not in good faith].
- 20 (i) This subsection applies to a taxing unit that has agreed
- 21 by written contract to transfer a distinct department, function, or
- 22 activity to another taxing unit and discontinues operating that
- 23 distinct department, function, or activity if the operation of that
- 24 department, function, or activity in all or a majority of the
- 25 territory of the taxing unit is continued by another existing
- 26 taxing unit or by a new taxing unit. The rollback tax rate of a
- 27 taxing unit to which this subsection applies in the first tax year

1 in which a budget is adopted that does not allocate revenue to the discontinued department, function, or activity is calculated as 2 3 otherwise provided by this section, except that last year's levy used to calculate the no-new-taxes [effective] maintenance and 4 5 operations rate of the unit is reduced by the amount of maintenance and operations tax revenue spent by the taxing unit to operate the 6 department, function, or activity for the 12 months preceding the 7 8 month in which the calculations required by this chapter are made and in which the unit operated the discontinued department, 9 10 function, or activity. If the unit did not operate that department, function, or activity for the full 12 months preceding the month in 11 12 which the calculations required by this chapter are made, the unit shall reduce last year's levy used for calculating the no-new-taxes 13 14 [effective] maintenance and operations rate of the unit by the 15 amount of the revenue spent in the last full fiscal year in which the unit operated the discontinued department, function, 16 17 activity.

This subsection applies to a taxing unit that had agreed 18 19 written contract to accept the transfer of a distinct department, function, or activity from another taxing unit and 20 operates a distinct department, function, or activity if the 21 operation of a substantially similar department, function, or 22 23 activity in all or a majority of the territory of the taxing unit 24 has been discontinued by another taxing unit, including a dissolved taxing unit. The rollback tax rate of a taxing unit to which this 25 26 subsection applies in the first tax year after the other taxing unit discontinued the substantially similar department, function, or 27

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- 1 activity in which a budget is adopted that allocates revenue to the department, function, or activity is calculated as otherwise 2 provided by this section, except that last year's levy used to calculate the no-new-taxes [effective] maintenance and operations 4 5 rate of the unit is increased by the amount of maintenance and operations tax revenue spent by the taxing unit that discontinued 6 operating the substantially similar department, function, 7 8 activity to operate that department, function, or activity for the 12 months preceding the month in which the calculations required by 9 this chapter are made and in which the unit operated the 10 discontinued department, function, or activity. If the unit did 11 not operate the discontinued department, function, or activity for 12 the full 12 months preceding the month in which the calculations 13 required by this chapter are made, the unit may increase last year's 14 15 levy used to calculate the no-new-taxes [effective] maintenance and operations rate by an amount not to exceed the amount of property 16 17 tax revenue spent by the discontinuing unit to operate the discontinued department, function, or activity in the last full 18 19 fiscal year in which the discontinuing unit operated 20 department, function, or activity.
- 21 SECTION 11. The heading to Section 26.041, Tax Code, is 22 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 26.041. <u>CALCULATION OF</u> [TAX RATE OF UNIT IMPOSING]
- 24 ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE.
- SECTION 12. Sections 26.041(d), (g), and (h), Tax Code, are
- 26 amended to read as follows:
- 27 (d) In order to determine the amount of additional sales and

1 use tax revenue for the current tax year for purposes of calculating the adjustment for additional sales tax under Section 26.035 [this 2 section], the designated officer or employee of a taxing unit shall 3 use the sales and use tax revenue for the last preceding four 4 5 quarters for which the information is available as the basis for projecting the additional sales and use tax revenue for the current 6 tax year. If the rate of the additional sales and use tax is 7 8 increased or reduced, the projection to be used for the first tax year after the effective date of the sales and use tax change shall 9 10 be adjusted to exclude any revenue gained or lost because of the sales and use tax rate change. If the unit did not impose an 11 additional sales and use tax for the last preceding four quarters, 12 the designated officer or employee shall request the comptroller of 13 14 public accounts to provide to the officer or employee a report 15 showing the estimated amount of taxable sales and uses within the unit for the previous four quarters as compiled by the comptroller, 16 17 and the comptroller shall comply with the request. The officer or employee shall prepare the estimate of the additional sales and use 18 19 tax revenue for the first year of the imposition of the tax by multiplying the amount reported by the comptroller by the 20 appropriate additional sales and use tax rate and by multiplying 21 that product by .95. 22

If the rate of the additional sales and use tax is increased, the designated officer or employee shall make two projections, in the manner provided by Subsection (d) [of this 26 section], of the revenue generated by the additional sales and use tax in the following year. The first projection must take into 27

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account the increase and the second projection must not take into account the increase. The officer or employee shall then subtract the amount of the result of the second projection from the amount of the result of the first projection to determine the revenue generated as a result of the increase in the additional sales and use tax rate. In the first year in which an additional sales and use tax rate is increased, the amount of additional sales and use tax revenue calculated under this section must include [effective tax rate for the unit is the effective tax rate before the increase minus a number the numerator of which is] the revenue projected to be generated as a result of the increase in the additional sales and use tax rate [, as determined under this subsection, and the denominator of which is the current total value minus the new property value].

(h) If the rate of the additional sales and use tax is decreased, the designated officer or employee shall make two projections, in the manner provided by Subsection (d) [of this section], of the revenue generated by the additional sales and use tax in the following year. The first projection must take into account the decrease and the second projection must not take into account the decrease. The officer or employee shall then subtract the amount of the result of the first projection from the amount of the result of the second projection to determine the revenue lost as a result of the decrease in the additional sales and use tax rate. In the first year in which an additional sales and use tax rate is decreased, the amount of additional sales and use tax revenue calculated under this section may not include [offective tax rate

- 1 for the unit is the effective tax rate before the decrease plus a
- 2 number the numerator of which is | the revenue projected to be lost
- 3 as a result of the decrease in the additional sales and use tax rate
- 4 [, as determined under this subsection, and the denominator of
- 5 which is the current total value minus the new property value].
- 6 SECTION 13. The heading to Section 26.043, Tax Code, is
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 26.043. ROLLBACK AND NO-NEW-TAXES [EFFECTIVE] TAX
- 9 RATES [RATE] IN CITY IMPOSING MASS TRANSIT SALES AND USE TAX.
- SECTION 14. Sections 26.043(a) and (b), Tax Code, are
- 11 amended to read as follows:
- 12 (a) In the tax year in which a city has set an election on
- 13 the question of whether to impose a local sales and use tax under
- 14 Subchapter H, Chapter 453, Transportation Code, the officer or
- 15 employee designated to make the calculations provided by Section
- 16 26.04 may not make those calculations until the outcome of the
- 17 election is determined. If the election is determined in favor of
- 18 the imposition of the tax, the representative shall subtract from
- 19 the city's rollback and $\underline{\text{no-new-taxes}}$ [effective] tax rates the
- 20 amount that, if applied to the city's current total value, would
- 21 impose an amount equal to the amount of property taxes budgeted in
- 22 the current tax year to pay for expenses related to mass transit
- 23 services.
- (b) In a tax year to which this section applies, a reference
- 25 in this chapter to the city's no-new-taxes [effective] or rollback
- 26 tax rate refers to that rate as adjusted under this section.
- 27 SECTION 15. Section 26.044, Tax Code, is amended to read as

- 1 follows:
- 2 Sec. 26.044. ROLLBACK [EFFECTIVE] TAX RATE TO PAY FOR STATE
- 3 CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANDATE. (a) The first time that a county adopts
- 4 a tax rate after September 1, 1991, in which the state criminal
- 5 justice mandate applies to the county, the adjustment for state
- 6 criminal justice mandate under Section 26.035 is the rate expressed
- 7 in dollars per \$100 of taxable value calculated by dividing the
- 8 state criminal justice mandate by the current year total taxable
- 9 value for rollback calculation. [effective maintenance and
- 10 operation rate for the county is increased by the rate calculated
- 11 according to the following formula:
- 12 [(State Criminal Justice Mandate) / (Current Total
- 14 (b) In the second and subsequent years that a county adopts
- 15 a tax rate, if the amount spent by the county for the state criminal
- 16 justice mandate increased over the previous year, the <u>adjustment</u>
- 17 for state criminal justice mandate under Section 26.035 is the rate
- 18 expressed in dollars per \$100 of taxable value calculated by:
- 19 <u>(1)</u> subtracting the previous year's state criminal
- 20 justice mandate from the state criminal justice mandate for the
- 21 current year; and
- 22 (2) dividing the amount computed under Subdivision (1)
- 23 by the current year total taxable value for rollback calculation.
- 24 [effective maintenance and operation rate for the county is
- 25 increased by the rate calculated according to the following
- 26 formula:
- 27 [(This Year's State Criminal Justice Mandate -

1 Previous Year's State Criminal Justice Mandate) /

2 (Current Total Value - New Property Value)

- 3 (c) The county shall include a notice of the increase in the
 4 rollback tax [effective maintenance and operation] rate as a result
 5 of the adjustment for state criminal justice mandate [provided by
 6 this section], including a description and the amount of the state
 7 criminal justice mandate, in the information published under
 8 Section 26.04(e) and, if applicable, Section 26.06(b) [of this
 9 code].
- 10 (d) In this section:
- 11 (1) "Adjustment for state criminal justice mandate"

 12 and "current year total taxable value for rollback calculation"

 13 have the meanings assigned by Section 26.035.
- (2) "State[, "state] criminal justice mandate" means the amount spent by the county in the previous 12 months providing for the maintenance and operation cost of keeping inmates in county-paid facilities after they have been sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as certified by the county auditor based on information provided by the county sheriff, minus the amount received from state revenue for reimbursement of such costs.
- 21 SECTION 16. Section 26.0441, Tax Code, is amended to read as 22 follows:
- Sec. 26.0441. <u>ROLLBACK</u> TAX RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR INDIGENT HEALTH CARE. (a) In the first tax year in which a taxing unit adopts a tax rate after January 1, 2000, and in which the enhanced minimum eligibility standards for indigent health care established under Section 61.006, Health and Safety Code, apply to the taxing

- 1 unit, the adjustment for indigent health care under Section 26.035
- 2 is the rate expressed in dollars per \$100 of taxable value
- 3 calculated by dividing the enhanced indigent health care
- 4 expenditures by the current year total taxable value for rollback
- 5 calculation. [effective maintenance and operations rate for the
- 6 taxing unit is increased by the rate computed according to the
- 7 following formula:
- 8 [Amount of Increase Enhanced Indigent Health Care
- 9 Expenditures / (Current Total Value New Property
- 10 Value)
- 11 (b) In each subsequent tax year, if the taxing unit's
- 12 enhanced indigent health care expenses exceed the amount of those
- 13 expenses for the preceding year, the adjustment for indigent health
- 14 care under Section 26.035 is the rate expressed in dollars per \$100
- 15 of taxable value calculated by:
- 16 (1) subtracting the preceding tax year's enhanced
- 17 indigent health care expenditures from the current tax year's
- 18 enhanced indigent health care expenditures; and
- 19 (2) dividing the amount computed under Subdivision (1)
- 20 by the current year total taxable value for rollback calculation.
- 21 [effective maintenance and operations rate for the taxing unit is
- 22 increased by the rate computed according to the following formula:
- 23 [Amount of Increase (Current Tax Year's Enhanced
- 25 <u>Year's Indigent Health Care Expenditures</u>) / (Current
- 26 Total Value New Property Value)
- (c) The taxing unit shall include a notice of the increase

- 1 in its <u>rollback tax</u> [<u>effective maintenance and operations</u>] rate <u>as</u>
- 2 <u>a result of the adjustment for indigent health care</u> [provided by
- 3 this section], including a brief description and the amount of the
- 4 enhanced indigent health care expenditures, in the information
- 5 published under Section 26.04(e) and, if applicable, Section
- 6 26.06(b).
- 7 (d) In this section:
- 8 (1) "Adjustment for indigent health care" and "current
- 9 year total taxable value for rollback calculation" have the
- 10 meanings assigned by Section 26.035.
- 11 (2) "Enhanced[, "enhanced] indigent health care
- 12 expenditures" for a tax year means the amount spent by the taxing
- 13 unit for the maintenance and operation costs of providing indigent
- 14 health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards
- 15 established under Section 61.006, Health and Safety Code, effective
- 16 on or after January 1, 2000, in the period beginning on July 1 of the
- 17 year preceding the tax year for which the tax is adopted and ending
- 18 on June 30 of the tax year for which the tax is adopted, less the
- 19 amount of state assistance received by the taxing unit in
- 20 accordance with Chapter 61, Health and Safety Code, that is
- 21 attributable to those costs.
- 22 SECTION 17. Section 26.05, Tax Code, is amended by adding
- 23 Subsections (a-1), (d-1), (d-2), (e-1), and (e-2) and amending
- 24 Subsections (b), (c), (d), and (g) to read as follows:
- 25 (a-1) This subsection applies only to a taxing unit that
- 26 imposes an additional sales and use tax. For purposes of Subsection
- 27 (a)(2), the amount needed to fund maintenance and operation

- 1 expenditures of the taxing unit for the next year is reduced by the
- 2 amount, if any, by which the amount of additional sales and use tax
- 3 revenue that will be generated by the additional sales and use tax
- 4 in the current tax year as calculated under Section 26.041 exceeds
- 5 the amount published under Section 26.04(e)(3)(C).
- 6 (b) A taxing unit may not impose property taxes in any year 7 until the governing body has adopted a tax rate for that year, and 8 the annual tax rate must be set by ordinance, resolution, or order, depending on the method prescribed by law for adoption of a law by 9 10 the governing body. The vote on the ordinance, resolution, or order setting the tax rate must be separate from the vote adopting the 11 12 budget. For a taxing unit other than a school district, the vote on the ordinance, resolution, or order setting a tax rate that exceeds 13 14 the no-new-taxes [effective] tax rate must be a record vote, and at least 60 percent of the members of the governing body must vote in 15 favor of the ordinance, resolution, or order. 16 For a school 17 district, the vote on the ordinance, resolution, or order setting a tax rate that exceeds the sum of the no-new-taxes [effective] 18 maintenance and operations tax rate of the district as determined 19 under Section 26.08(i) and the district's current debt rate must be 20 a record vote, and at least 60 percent of the members of the 21 governing body must vote in favor of the ordinance, resolution, or 22 23 order. A motion to adopt an ordinance, resolution, or order setting 24 a tax rate that exceeds the no-new-taxes [effective] tax rate must be made in the following form: "I move that the property tax rate be 25 26 increased by the adoption of a tax rate of (specify tax rate), which is effectively a (insert percentage by which the proposed tax rate 27

- 1 exceeds the <u>no-new-taxes</u> [<u>effective</u>] tax rate) percent increase in
- 2 the tax rate." If the ordinance, resolution, or order sets a tax
- 3 rate that, if applied to the total taxable value, will impose an
- 4 amount of taxes to fund maintenance and operation expenditures of
- 5 the taxing unit that exceeds the amount of taxes imposed for that
- 6 purpose in the preceding year, the taxing unit must:
- 7 (1) include in the ordinance, resolution, or order in
- 8 type larger than the type used in any other portion of the document:
- 9 (A) the following statement: "THIS TAX RATE WILL
- 10 RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S
- 11 TAX RATE."; and
- 12 (B) if the tax rate exceeds the no-new-taxes
- 13 [effective] maintenance and operations rate, the following
- 14 statement: "THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY (INSERT
- 15 PERCENTAGE BY WHICH THE TAX RATE EXCEEDS THE NO-NEW-TAXES
- 16 [EFFECTIVE] MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS RATE) PERCENT AND WILL RAISE
- 17 TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY
- 18 APPROXIMATELY \$(Insert amount)."; and
- 19 (2) include on the home page of the [any] Internet
- 20 website operated by the unit:
- 21 (A) the following statement: "(Insert name of
- 22 unit) ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE
- 23 AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE"; and
- 24 (B) if the tax rate exceeds the no-new-taxes
- 25 [effective] maintenance and operations rate, the following
- 26 statement: "THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY (INSERT
- 27 PERCENTAGE BY WHICH THE TAX RATE EXCEEDS THE NO-NEW-TAXES

- 1 [EFFECTIVE] MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS RATE) PERCENT AND WILL RAISE
- 2 TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY
- 3 APPROXIMATELY \$(Insert amount)."
- 4 (c) If the governing body of a taxing unit does not adopt a
- 5 tax rate before the date required by Subsection (a), the tax rate
- 6 for the taxing unit for that tax year is the lower of the
- 7 no-new-taxes [effective] tax rate calculated for that tax year or
- 8 the tax rate adopted by the taxing unit for the preceding tax year.
- 9 A tax rate established by this subsection is treated as an adopted
- 10 tax rate. Before the fifth day after the establishment of a tax
- 11 rate by this subsection, the governing body of the taxing unit must
- 12 ratify the applicable tax rate in the manner required by Subsection
- 13 (b).
- 14 (d) The governing body of a taxing unit other than a school
- 15 district may not adopt a tax rate that exceeds the lower of the
- 16 rollback tax rate or the no-new-taxes [effective] tax rate
- 17 calculated as provided by this chapter until the governing body has
- 18 held two public hearings on the proposed tax rate and has otherwise
- 19 complied with Section 26.06 and Section 26.065. The governing body
- 20 of a taxing unit shall reduce a tax rate set by law or by vote of the
- 21 electorate to the lower of the rollback tax rate or the no-new-taxes
- 22 [effective] tax rate and may not adopt a higher rate unless it first
- 23 complies with Section 26.06.
- 24 (d-1) The governing body of a taxing unit may not hold a
- 25 public hearing on a proposed tax rate or a public meeting to adopt a
- 26 tax rate until the 14th day after the date the officer or employee
- 27 designated by the governing body of the unit to calculate the

- 1 no-new-taxes tax rate and the rollback tax rate for the unit
- 2 electronically submits to the comptroller the information
- 3 described by Section 5.092(c).
- 4 (d-2) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the governing body of
- 5 a taxing unit other than a school district may not adopt a tax rate
- 6 until:
- 7 (1) the comptroller has included the information for
- 8 the current tax year specified by Section 5.092 in the
- 9 comptroller's property tax database; and
- 10 (2) the county assessor-collector for each county in
- 11 which all or part of the territory of the taxing unit is located has
- 12 delivered the notice required by Section 26.04(e-2).
- 13 <u>(e-1)</u> The governing body of a taxing unit that imposes an
- 14 additional sales and use tax may not adopt a tax rate until the
- 15 chief financial officer or auditor for the unit submits to the
- 16 governing body of the unit a written certification that:
- 17 (1) the amount of additional sales and use tax revenue
- 18 that will be used to pay debt service has been deducted from the
- 19 total amount published under Section 26.04(e)(3)(C) as required by
- 20 Subsection (a)(1) of this section; and
- 21 (2) if applicable, the amount by which the amount of
- 22 <u>additional sales and use tax revenue that will be generated by the</u>
- 23 additional sales and use tax in the current tax year as calculated
- 24 under Section 26.041 exceeds the amount published under Section
- 25 26.04(e)(3)(C) has been deducted from the amount needed to fund
- 26 maintenance and operation expenditures of the unit for the next
- 27 year as required by Subsection (a-1) of this section.

- 1 (e-2) The comptroller shall adopt rules governing the form 2 of the certification required by Subsection (e-1) and the manner in
- 3 which it is required to be submitted.
- 4 Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the governing body of a 5 school district that elects to adopt a tax rate before the adoption of a budget for the fiscal year that begins in the current tax year 6 may adopt a tax rate for the current tax year before receipt of the 7 8 certified appraisal roll for the school district if the chief appraiser of the appraisal district in which the school district 9 participates has certified to the assessor for the school district 10 an estimate of the taxable value of property in the school district 11 as provided by Section 26.01(e). If a school district adopts a tax 12 rate under this subsection, the no-new-taxes [effective] tax rate 13 and the rollback tax rate of the district shall be calculated based 14 15 on the certified estimate of taxable value.
- SECTION 18. Section 26.052(e), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 18 (e) Public notice provided under Subsection (c) must 19 specify:
- 20 (1) the tax rate that the governing body proposes to 21 adopt;
- (2) the date, time, and location of the meeting of the governing body of the taxing unit at which the governing body will consider adopting the proposed tax rate; and
- 25 (3) if the proposed tax rate for the taxing unit 26 exceeds the unit's <u>no-new-taxes</u> [effective] tax rate calculated as 27 provided by Section 26.04, a statement substantially identical to

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- 1 the following: "The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in
- 2 (name of taxing unit) by (percentage by which the proposed tax rate
- 3 exceeds the no-new-taxes [effective] tax rate)."
- 4 SECTION 19. Sections 26.06(b), (c), (d), and (e), Tax Code,
- 5 are amended to read as follows:
- 6 (b) The notice of a public hearing may not be smaller than
- 7 one-quarter page of a standard-size or a tabloid-size newspaper,
- 8 and the headline on the notice must be in 24-point or larger type.
- 9 The notice must contain a statement in the following form:
- 10 "NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE
- "The (name of the taxing unit) will hold two public hearings
- 12 on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the
- 13 tax roll in the preceding tax year by (percentage by which proposed
- 14 tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or no-new-taxes
- 15 [effective] tax rate calculated under this chapter) percent. Your
- 16 individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even
- 17 decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your
- 18 property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other
- 19 property and the tax rate that is adopted.
- "The first public hearing will be held on (date and time) at
- 21 (meeting place).
- "The second public hearing will be held on (date and time) at
- 23 (meeting place).
- "(Names of all members of the governing body, showing how
- 25 each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one
- 26 or more were absent, indicating the absences.)
- 27 "The average taxable value of a residence homestead in (name

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   of taxing unit) last year was $____ (average taxable value of a
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   residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year,
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   disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to
   disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on
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   last year's tax rate of $____ (preceding year's adopted tax rate)
   per $100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on
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   the average home was $____ (tax on average taxable value of a
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   residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year,
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   disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to
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   disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).
          "The average taxable value of a residence homestead in (name
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   of taxing unit) this year is $____ (average taxable value of a
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   residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year,
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   disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to
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   disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).
   governing body adopts the no-new-taxes [effective tax] rate for
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   this year of $____ (no-new-taxes [effective] tax rate) per $100 of
   taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average
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   home would be $____ (tax on average taxable value of a residence
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   homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding
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   residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons
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   or persons 65 years of age or older).
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          "If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of $____
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(proposed tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes

imposed this year on the average home would be \$____ (tax on the

average taxable value of a residence in the taxing unit for the

current year disregarding residence homestead exemptions available

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- 1 only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).
- 2 "Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings
- 3 and express their views."
- 4 (c) The notice of a public hearing under this section may be
- 5 delivered by mail to each property owner in the unit, or may be
- 6 published in a newspaper. If the notice is published in a
- 7 newspaper, it may not be in the part of the paper in which legal
- 8 notices and classified advertisements appear. The [If the taxing
- 9 unit operates an Internet website, the] notice must be posted on the
- 10 <u>Internet</u> website <u>operated</u> by the taxing unit from the date the
- 11 notice is first published until the second public hearing is
- 12 concluded.
- 13 (d) At the public hearings the governing body shall announce
- 14 the date, time, and place of the meeting at which it will vote on the
- 15 proposed tax rate. After each hearing the governing body shall give
- 16 notice of the meeting at which it will vote on the proposed tax rate
- 17 and the notice shall be in the same form as prescribed by
- 18 Subsections (b) and (c), except that it must state the following:
- 19 "NOTICE OF TAX REVENUE INCREASE
- "The (name of the taxing unit) conducted public hearings on
- 21 (date of first hearing) and (date of second hearing) on a proposal
- 22 to increase the total tax revenues of the (name of the taxing unit)
- 23 from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by (percentage
- 24 by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or
- 25 no-new-taxes [effective] tax rate calculated under this chapter)
- 26 percent.
- 27 "The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last

- 1 year's tax rate of (insert tax rate for the preceding year) for each
- 2 \$100 of taxable value was (insert total amount of taxes imposed in
- 3 the preceding year).
- 4 "The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the
- 5 proposed tax rate of (insert proposed tax rate) for each \$100 of
- 6 taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property
- 7 added to the tax roll this year, is (insert amount computed by
- 8 multiplying proposed tax rate by the difference between current
- 9 total value and new property value).
- "The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the
- 11 proposed tax rate of (insert proposed tax rate) for each \$100 of
- 12 taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property
- 13 added to the tax roll this year, is (insert amount computed by
- 14 multiplying proposed tax rate by current total value).
- "The (governing body of the taxing unit) is scheduled to vote
- 16 on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public
- 17 meeting to be held on (date of meeting) at (location of meeting,
- 18 including mailing address) at (time of meeting).
- "The (governing body of the taxing unit) proposes to use the
- 20 increase in total tax revenue for the purpose of (description of
- 21 purpose of increase)."
- (e) The meeting to vote on the tax increase may not be
- 23 earlier than the third day or later than the 14th day after the date
- 24 of the second public hearing. The meeting must be held inside the
- 25 boundaries of the taxing unit in a publicly owned building or, if a
- 26 suitable publicly owned building is not available, in a suitable
- 27 building to which the public normally has access. If the governing

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- 1 body does not adopt a tax rate that exceeds the lower of the
- 2 rollback tax rate or the no-new-taxes [effective] tax rate by the
- 3 14th day, it must give a new notice under Subsection (d) before it
- 4 may adopt a rate that exceeds the lower of the rollback tax rate or
- 5 the no-new-taxes [effective] tax rate.
- 6 SECTION 20. Section 26.065(b), Tax Code, is amended to read 7 as follows:
- 8 (b) The taxing [If the taxing unit owns, operates, or
- 9 controls an Internet website, the] unit shall post notice of the
- 10 public hearing on the <u>Internet</u> website <u>owned</u>, operated, or
- 11 controlled by the unit continuously for at least seven days
- 12 immediately before the public hearing on the proposed tax rate
- 13 increase and at least seven days immediately before the date of the
- 14 vote proposing the increase in the tax rate.
- SECTION 21. Sections 26.08(g), (n), and (p), Tax Code, are
- 16 amended to read as follows:
- 17 (g) In a school district that received distributions from an
- 18 equalization tax imposed under former Chapter 18, Education Code,
- 19 the no-new-taxes [effective] rate of that tax as of the date of the
- 20 county unit system's abolition is added to the district's rollback
- 21 tax rate.
- (n) For purposes of this section, the rollback tax rate of a
- 23 school district whose maintenance and operations tax rate for the
- 24 2005 tax year was \$1.50 or less per \$100 of taxable value is:
- 25 (1) for the 2006 tax year, the sum of the rate that is
- 26 equal to 88.67 percent of the maintenance and operations tax rate
- 27 adopted by the district for the 2005 tax year, the rate of \$0.04 per

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- 1 \$100 of taxable value, and the district's current debt rate; and
- 2 (2) for the 2007 and subsequent tax years, the lesser
- 3 of the following:
- 4 (A) the sum of the following:
- 5 (i) the rate per \$100 of taxable value that
- 6 is equal to the product of the state compression percentage, as
- 7 determined under Section 42.2516, Education Code, for the current
- 8 year and \$1.50;
- 9 (ii) the rate of \$0.04 per \$100 of taxable
- 10 value;
- 11 (iii) the rate that is equal to the sum of
- 12 the differences for the 2006 and each subsequent tax year between
- 13 the adopted tax rate of the district for that year if the rate was
- 14 approved at an election under this section and the rollback tax rate
- 15 of the district for that year; and
- 16 (iv) the district's current debt rate; or
- 17 (B) the sum of the following:
- 18 (i) the no-new-taxes [effective]
- 19 maintenance and operations tax rate of the district as computed
- 20 under Subsection (i) [or (k), as applicable];
- 21 (ii) the rate per \$100 of taxable value that
- 22 is equal to the product of the state compression percentage, as
- 23 determined under Section 42.2516, Education Code, for the current
- 24 year and \$0.06; and
- 25 (iii) the district's current debt rate.
- (p) Notwithstanding Subsections (i), (n), and (o), if for
- 27 the preceding tax year a school district adopted a maintenance and

- 1 operations tax rate that was less than the district's <u>no-new-taxes</u>
- 2 [effective] maintenance and operations tax rate for that preceding
- B tax year, the rollback tax rate of the district for the current tax
- 4 year is calculated as if the district adopted a maintenance and
- 5 operations tax rate for the preceding tax year that was equal to the
- 6 district's <u>no-new-taxes</u> [<u>effective</u>] maintenance and operations tax
- 7 rate for that preceding tax year.
- 8 SECTION 22. Section 26.08(i), Tax Code, as effective
- 9 September 1, 2017, is amended to read as follows:
- 10 (i) For purposes of this section, the <u>no-new-taxes</u>
- 11 [effective] maintenance and operations tax rate of a school
- 12 district is the tax rate that, applied to the current total value
- 13 for the district, would impose taxes in an amount that, when added
- 14 to state funds that would be distributed to the district under
- 15 Chapter 42, Education Code, for the school year beginning in the
- 16 current tax year using that tax rate, would provide the same amount
- 17 of state funds distributed under Chapter 42, Education Code, and
- 18 maintenance and operations taxes of the district per student in
- 19 weighted average daily attendance for that school year that would
- 20 have been available to the district in the preceding year if the
- 21 funding elements for Chapters 41 and 42, Education Code, for the
- 22 current year had been in effect for the preceding year.
- SECTION 23. Section 26.16, Tax Code, is amended by amending
- 24 Subsections (a) and (d) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
- 25 follows:
- 26 (a) Each county shall maintain an Internet website. The
- 27 county assessor-collector for each county [that maintains an

- 1 Internet website] shall post on the Internet website maintained by
- 2 [of] the county the following information for the most recent five
- 3 tax years beginning with the 2012 tax year for each taxing unit all
- 4 or part of the territory of which is located in the county:
- 5 (1) the adopted tax rate;
- 6 (2) the maintenance and operations rate;
- 7 (3) the debt rate;
- 8 (4) the no-new-taxes [effective] tax rate;
- 9 (5) the <u>no-new-taxes</u> [<u>effective</u>] maintenance and 10 operations rate; and
- 11 (6) the rollback tax rate.
- 12 <u>(a-1)</u> For purposes of Subsection (a), a reference to the
- 13 <u>no-new-taxes</u> tax rate or the no-new-taxes maintenance and
- 14 operations rate includes the equivalent effective tax rate or
- 15 effective maintenance and operations rate for a preceding year.
- 16 This subsection expires January 1, 2024.
- 17 (d) The county assessor-collector shall post immediately
- 18 below the table prescribed by Subsection (c) the following
- 19 statement:
- 20 "The county is providing this table of property tax rate
- 21 information as a service to the residents of the county. Each
- 22 individual taxing unit is responsible for calculating the property
- 23 tax rates listed in this table pertaining to that taxing unit and
- 24 providing that information to the county.
- 25 "The adopted tax rate is the tax rate adopted by the governing
- 26 body of a taxing unit.
- 27 "The maintenance and operations rate is the component of the

- 1 adopted tax rate of a taxing unit that will impose the amount of
- 2 taxes needed to fund maintenance and operation expenditures of the
- 3 unit for the following year.
- 4 "The debt rate is the component of the adopted tax rate of a
- 5 taxing unit that will impose the amount of taxes needed to fund the
- 6 unit's debt service for the following year.
- 7 "The <u>no-new-taxes</u> [<u>effective tax</u>] rate is the tax rate that
- 8 would generate the same amount of revenue in the current tax year as
- 9 was generated by a taxing unit's adopted tax rate in the preceding
- 10 tax year from property that is taxable in both the current tax year
- 11 and the preceding tax year.
- "The no-new-taxes [effective] maintenance and operations
- 13 rate is the tax rate that would generate the same amount of revenue
- 14 for maintenance and operations in the current tax year as was
- 15 generated by a taxing unit's maintenance and operations rate in the
- 16 preceding tax year from property that is taxable in both the current
- 17 tax year and the preceding tax year.
- 18 "The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate a taxing unit
- 19 may adopt before requiring voter approval at an election. In the
- 20 case of a taxing unit other than a school district, the voters by
- 21 petition may require that a rollback election be held if the unit
- 22 adopts a tax rate in excess of the unit's rollback tax rate. In the
- 23 case of a school district, an election will automatically be held if
- 24 the district wishes to adopt a tax rate in excess of the district's
- 25 rollback tax rate."
- SECTION 24. Section 321.106(e), Tax Code, is amended to
- 27 read as follows:

- 1 If, in a municipality where a fire control, prevention, and emergency medical services district is composed of the whole 2 3 municipality, a municipal sales and use tax or a municipal sales and use tax rate increase for the purpose of financing a fire control, 4 prevention, and emergency medical services district is approved, 5 the municipality is responsible for distributing to the district 6 that portion of the municipal sales and use tax revenue received 7 8 from the comptroller that is to be used for the purposes of financing the fire control, prevention, and emergency medical 9 10 services district. Not later than the 10th day after the date the this municipality receives money under section from the 11 12 comptroller, the municipality shall make the distribution in the proportion that the fire control, prevention, and emergency medical 13 14 services portion of the tax rate bears to the total sales and use 15 tax rate of the municipality. The amounts distributed to a fire control, prevention, and emergency medical services district are 16 17 not considered to be sales and use tax revenue for the purpose of computations [property tax reduction and computation of the 18 municipal tax rate] under Section 26.041. 19
- 20 SECTION 25. Section 321.108(f), Tax Code, is amended to 21 read as follows:
- (f) If, in a municipality in which a crime control and prevention district is composed of the whole municipality, a municipal sales and use tax or a municipal sales and use tax rate increase for the purpose of financing a crime control and prevention district is approved, the municipality is responsible for distributing to the district that portion of the municipal

1 sales and use tax revenue received from the comptroller that is to be used for the purposes of financing the crime control and 2 prevention district. Not later than the 10th day after the date the municipality receives money under this section from the 4 5 comptroller, the municipality shall make the distribution in the proportion that the crime control and prevention portion of the tax 6 rate bears to the total sales and use tax rate of 7 municipality. The amounts distributed to a crime control and 8 prevention district are not considered to be additional municipal 9 10 sales and use tax revenue for the purpose of computations [property tax reduction and computation of the municipal tax rate] under 11 12 Section 26.041.

- SECTION 26. Section 323.105(f), Tax Code, is amended to 14 read as follows:
- (f) If, in a county where a crime control and prevention 15 district is composed of the whole county, a county sales and use tax 16 17 or a county sales and use tax rate increase for the purpose of financing a crime control and prevention district is approved, the 18 19 county is responsible for distributing to the district that portion of the county sales and use tax revenue received from the 20 21 comptroller that is to be used for the purposes of financing the crime control and prevention district. Not later than the 10th day 22 23 after the date the county receives funds under this section from the 24 comptroller, the county shall make the distribution in the proportion that the crime control and prevention portion of the tax 25 26 rate bears to the total sales and use tax rate of the county. The 27 amounts distributed to a crime control and prevention district are

- 1 not considered to be sales and use tax revenue for the purpose of
- 2 computations [property tax reduction and computation of the county
- 3 tax rate under Section 26.041, Tax Code.
- 4 SECTION 27. Section 45.105(e), Education Code, is amended
- 5 to read as follows:
- 6 (e) The governing body of an independent school district
- 7 that governs a junior college district under Subchapter B, Chapter
- 8 130, in a county with a population of more than two million may
- 9 dedicate a specific percentage of the local tax levy to the use of
- 10 the junior college district for facilities and equipment or for the
- 11 maintenance and operating expenses of the junior college district.
- 12 To be effective, the dedication must be made by the governing body
- 13 on or before the date on which the governing body adopts its tax
- 14 rate for a year. The amount of local tax funds derived from the
- 15 percentage of the local tax levy dedicated to a junior college
- 16 district from a tax levy may not exceed the amount that would be
- 17 levied by five percent of the no-new-taxes [effective] tax rate for
- 18 the tax year calculated as provided by Section 26.04, Tax Code, on
- 19 all property taxable by the school district. All real property
- 20 purchased with these funds is the property of the school district,
- 21 but is subject to the exclusive control of the governing body of the
- 22 junior college district for as long as the junior college district
- 23 uses the property for educational purposes.
- 24 SECTION 28. Section 102.007(d), Local Government Code, is
- 25 amended to read as follows:
- 26 (d) An adopted budget must contain a cover page that
- 27 includes:

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- 1 (1) one of the following statements in 18-point or
- 2 larger type that accurately describes the adopted budget:
- 3 (A) "This budget will raise more revenue from
- 4 property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of (insert total
- 5 dollar amount of increase), which is a (insert percentage increase)
- 6 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue
- 7 to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is
- 8 (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the
- 9 value of new property added to the roll).";
- 10 (B) "This budget will raise less revenue from
- 11 property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of (insert total
- 12 dollar amount of decrease), which is a (insert percentage decrease)
- 13 percent decrease from last year's budget. The property tax revenue
- 14 to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is
- 15 (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the
- 16 value of new property added to the roll)."; or
- 17 (C) "This budget will raise the same amount of
- 18 revenue from property taxes as last year's budget. The property tax
- 19 revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this
- 20 year is (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax
- 21 rate by the value of new property added to the roll).";
- 22 (2) the record vote of each member of the governing
- 23 body by name voting on the adoption of the budget;
- 24 (3) the municipal property tax rates for the preceding
- 25 fiscal year, and each municipal property tax rate that has been
- 26 adopted or calculated for the current fiscal year, including:
- 27 (A) the property tax rate;

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                     (B)
                          the no-new-taxes [effective] tax rate;
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                          the no-new-taxes [effective] maintenance and
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    operations tax rate;
                          the rollback tax rate; and
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                          the debt rate; and
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                (4) the total amount of municipal debt obligations.
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          SECTION 29.
                       Section 111.008(d), Local Government Code, is
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    amended to read as follows:
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               An adopted budget must contain a cover page that
    includes:
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                    one of the following statements in 18-point or
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    larger type that accurately describes the adopted budget:
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   property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of (insert total
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   dollar amount of increase), which is a (insert percentage increase)
   percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue
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value of new property added to the roll)."; 19 "This budget will raise less revenue from 20 (B) property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of (insert total 21 dollar amount of decrease), which is a (insert percentage decrease) 22 23 percent decrease from last year's budget. The property tax revenue 24 to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the 25 26 value of new property added to the roll)."; or

to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is

(insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the

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- 1 revenue from property taxes as last year's budget. The property tax
- 2 revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this
- 3 year is (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax
- 4 rate by the value of new property added to the roll).";
- 5 (2) the record vote of each member of the
- 6 commissioners court by name voting on the adoption of the budget;
- 7 (3) the county property tax rates for the preceding
- 8 fiscal year, and each county property tax rate that has been adopted
- 9 or calculated for the current fiscal year, including:
- 10 (A) the property tax rate;
- 11 (B) the no-new-taxes [effective] tax rate;
- 12 (C) the no-new-taxes [effective] maintenance and
- 13 operations tax rate;
- 14 (D) the rollback tax rate; and
- 15 (E) the debt rate; and
- 16 (4) the total amount of county debt obligations.
- SECTION 30. Section 111.039(d), Local Government Code, is
- 18 amended to read as follows:
- 19 (d) An adopted budget must contain a cover page that
- 20 includes:
- 21 (1) one of the following statements in 18-point or
- 22 larger type that accurately describes the adopted budget:
- 23 (A) "This budget will raise more revenue from
- 24 property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of (insert total
- 25 dollar amount of increase), which is a (insert percentage increase)
- 26 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue
- 27 to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is

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- 1 (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the
- 2 value of new property added to the roll).";
- 3 (B) "This budget will raise less revenue from
- 4 property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of (insert total
- 5 dollar amount of decrease), which is a (insert percentage decrease)
- 6 percent decrease from last year's budget. The property tax revenue
- 7 to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is
- 8 (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the
- 9 value of new property added to the roll)."; or
- 10 (C) "This budget will raise the same amount of
- 11 revenue from property taxes as last year's budget. The property tax
- 12 revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this
- 13 year is (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax
- 14 rate by the value of new property added to the roll).";
- 15 (2) the record vote of each member of the
- 16 commissioners court by name voting on the adoption of the budget;
- 17 (3) the county property tax rates for the preceding
- 18 fiscal year, and each county property tax rate that has been adopted
- 19 or calculated for the current fiscal year, including:
- 20 (A) the property tax rate;
- 21 (B) the <u>no-new-taxes</u> [<u>effective</u>] tax rate;
- (C) the no-new-taxes [effective] maintenance and
- 23 operations tax rate;
- (D) the rollback tax rate; and
- 25 (E) the debt rate; and
- 26 (4) the total amount of county debt obligations.
- 27 SECTION 31. Section 111.068(c), Local Government Code, is

- 1 amended to read as follows:
- 2 (c) An adopted budget must contain a cover page that
- 3 includes:
- 4 (1) one of the following statements in 18-point or
- 5 larger type that accurately describes the adopted budget:
- 6 (A) "This budget will raise more revenue from
- 7 property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of (insert total
- 8 dollar amount of increase), which is a (insert percentage increase)
- 9 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue
- 10 to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is
- 11 (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the
- 12 value of new property added to the roll).";
- 13 (B) "This budget will raise less revenue from
- 14 property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of (insert total
- 15 dollar amount of decrease), which is a (insert percentage decrease)
- 16 percent decrease from last year's budget. The property tax revenue
- 17 to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is
- 18 (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the
- 19 value of new property added to the roll)."; or
- 20 (C) "This budget will raise the same amount of
- 21 revenue from property taxes as last year's budget. The property tax
- 22 revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this
- 23 year is (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax
- 24 rate by the value of new property added to the roll).";
- 25 (2) the record vote of each member of the
- 26 commissioners court by name voting on the adoption of the budget;
- 27 (3) the county property tax rates for the preceding

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   fiscal year, and each county property tax rate that has been adopted
    or calculated for the current fiscal year, including:
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                          the no-new-taxes [effective] maintenance and
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    operations tax rate;
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                     (D)
                          the rollback tax rate; and
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                     (E)
                          the debt rate; and
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                (4) the total amount of county debt obligations.
          SECTION 32. Sections 140.010(a), (d), and (e), Local
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   Government Code, are amended to read as follows:
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               In this section, "no-new-taxes ["effective"] tax rate"
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    and "rollback tax rate" mean the \underline{\text{no-new-taxes}} [\underline{\text{effective}}] tax rate
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    and rollback tax rate of a county or municipality, as applicable, as
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   calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code.
          (d) A county or municipality that proposes a property tax
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   rate that does not exceed the lower of the no-new-taxes [effective]
    tax rate or the rollback tax rate shall provide the following
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   notice:
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    "NOTICE OF (INSERT CURRENT TAX YEAR) TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX
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              RATE FOR (INSERT NAME OF COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY)
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    "A tax rate of \ per $100 valuation has been proposed by the
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    governing body of (insert name of county or municipality).
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                                                      $____ per $100
24
          PROPOSED TAX RATE
                                                      $____ per $100
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          PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE
          NO-NEW-TAXES [EFFECTIVE TAX] RATE
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                                                       $____ per $100
    "The no-new-taxes [effective tax] rate is the total tax rate needed
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- 1 to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for (insert name of
- 2 county or municipality) from the same properties in both the
- 3 (insert preceding tax year) tax year and the (insert current tax
- 4 year) tax year.
- 5 "YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS
- 6 FOLLOWS:
- 7 property tax amount = (rate) x (taxable value of your property) /
- 8 100
- 9 "For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations,
- 10 please contact:
- 11 (insert name of county or municipal tax assessor-collector)
- 12 (insert name of county or municipality) tax
- 13 assessor-collector
- 14 (insert address)
- (insert telephone number)
- 16 (insert e-mail address)
- (insert Internet website address[, if applicable])"
- 18 (e) A county or municipality that proposes a property tax
- 19 rate that exceeds the lower of the <u>no-new-taxes</u> [effective] tax
- 20 rate or the rollback tax rate shall provide the following notice:
- 21 "NOTICE OF (INSERT CURRENT TAX YEAR) TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX
- 22 RATE FOR (INSERT NAME OF COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY)
- 23 "A tax rate of \$_____ per \$100 valuation has been proposed for
- 24 adoption by the governing body of (insert name of county or
- 25 municipality). This rate exceeds the lower of the no-new-taxes
- 26 [effective] or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two
- 27 public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the

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   proposed tax rate. The governing body of (insert name of county or
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    municipality) proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate
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    increase for the purpose of (description of purpose of increase).
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          PROPOSED TAX RATE
                                                     $____ per $100
                                                     $____ per $100
 5
          PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE
 6
          NO-NEW-TAXES [EFFECTIVE TAX] RATE
                                                     $____ per $100
                                                     $____ per $100
 7
          ROLLBACK TAX RATE
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    "The no-new-taxes [effective tax] rate is the total tax rate needed
    to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for (insert name of
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    county or municipality) from the same properties in both the
    (insert preceding tax year) tax year and the (insert current tax
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   year) tax year.
    "The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that (insert name of
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    county or municipality) may adopt before voters are entitled to
15
   petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to
    the rollback rate.
16
     "YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS
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                                 FOLLOWS:
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     property tax amount = (rate) x (taxable value of your property) /
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                                    100
    "For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations,
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   please contact:
23
          (insert name of county or municipal tax assessor-collector)
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                     name
                             of
                                  county or municipality)
    assessor-collector
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          (insert address)
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(insert telephone number)

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- 1 (insert e-mail address)
- 3 "You are urged to attend and express your views at the following
- 4 public hearings on the proposed tax rate:
- 5 First Hearing: (insert date and time) at (insert location of
- 6 meeting).
- 7 Second Hearing: (insert date and time) at (insert location
- 8 of meeting)."
- 9 SECTION 33. The following provisions are repealed:
- 10 (1) Section 26.03, Tax Code;
- 11 (2) Sections 26.041(a), (b), (c), and (e), Tax Code;
- 12 and
- 13 (3) Section 26.045, Tax Code.
- 14 SECTION 34. (a) Not later than September 1, 2019, the
- 15 comptroller shall appoint the members of an advisory group to
- 16 provide to the comptroller advice and assistance regarding the
- 17 creation and operation of the property tax database required by
- 18 Section 5.092, Tax Code, as added by this Act, and related matters.
- 19 The advisory group is composed of 13 members as follows:
- 20 (1) one person who is an employee of the office of the
- 21 lieutenant governor;
- 22 (2) one person who is an employee of the office of the
- 23 speaker of the house of representatives;
- 24 (3) four persons who are county tax
- 25 assessor-collectors;
- 26 (4) two persons who are assessors or collectors for
- 27 taxing units but are not county tax assessor-collectors;

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- 1 (5) two persons who are chief appraisers of appraisal
- 2 districts;
- 3 (6) one person who is a financial officer or auditor of
- 4 a municipality;
- 5 (7) one person who is a financial officer or auditor of
- 6 a county; and
- 7 (8) one person who is a representative of water
- 8 districts.
- 9 (b) The advisory group is abolished and this section expires
- 10 December 31, 2021.
- 11 SECTION 35. The comptroller shall comply with Sections
- 12 5.07(f) and 5.092, Tax Code, as added by this Act, not later than
- 13 June 1, 2020.
- SECTION 36. (a) Except as provided by Subsections (b), (c),
- 15 and (d) of this section, this Act takes effect January 1, 2018.
- 16 (b) The following provisions take effect December 1, 2017:
- 17 (1) Section 5.091, Tax Code, as amended by this Act;
- 18 (2) Section 34 of this Act; and
- 19 (3) Section 26.065(b), Tax Code, as amended by this
- 20 Act.
- 21 (c) The following provisions take effect September 1, 2019:
- 22 (1) Section 5.07(f), Tax Code, as added by this Act;
- 23 and
- 24 (2) Section 5.092, Tax Code, as added by this Act.
- 25 (d) The following provisions take effect January 1, 2020:
- 26 (1) Sections 25.19(b) and (i), Tax Code, as amended by
- 27 this Act;

- 1 (2) Sections 26.04(d-1) and (e-2), Tax Code, as added
 2 by this Act;
 3 (3) Section 26.04(g), Tax Code, as amended by this
 4 Act; and
- 5 (4) Sections 26.05(d-1) and (d-2), Tax Code, as added
- 6 by this Act.