

Amend CSHB 2782 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill as appropriate:

SECTION _____. Section 351.052(a), Estates Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A personal representative of an estate may, without application to or order of the court:

(1) release a lien on payment at maturity of the debt secured by the lien;

(2) vote stocks by limited or general proxy;

(3) pay calls and assessments;

(4) insure the estate against liability in appropriate cases;

(5) insure estate property against fire, theft, and other hazards; ~~or~~

(6) pay taxes, court costs, and bond premiums;

(7) hire an accountant, bookkeeper, or other tax professional to assist with any tax filing required for the decedent or the estate;

(8) hire a real estate agent to assist with the marketing and selling of any real property of the estate;

(9) hire an appraiser to assist with any valuations required for estate property for which the court has not appointed an appraiser to appraise the property;

(10) pay all reasonable costs necessary to exercise the personal representative's duty of care under Section 351.101;
or

(11) pay all reasonable costs related to the exercise of any power listed in Subdivisions (1)-(9).

(2) Add the following appropriately lettered subsection to SECTION 49 of the bill and reletter subsequent subsections of that SECTION as appropriate:

(____) The changes in law made by this Act to Section 351.052(a), Estates Code, apply only to the administration of the estate of a decedent who dies on or after the effective date of this Act. The administration of the estate of a decedent who dies before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on

the date of the decedent's death, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.