

Amend CSSB 2 (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. (a) Section 23.23(a), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding the requirements of Section 25.18 and regardless of whether the appraisal office has appraised the property and determined the market value of the property for the tax year, an appraisal office may increase the appraised value of a residence homestead for a tax year to an amount not to exceed the lesser of:

(1) the market value of the property for the most recent tax year that the market value was determined by the appraisal office; or

(2) the sum of:

(A) five [~~10~~] percent of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year;

(B) the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year; and

(C) the market value of all new improvements to the property.

(b) This section applies only to the appraisal for ad valorem taxation of residence homesteads for a tax year that begins on or after January 1, 2020.

(c) This section takes effect January 1, 2020, but only if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, to authorize the legislature to set a lower limit on the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation is approved by the voters. If that amendment is not approved by the voters, this section has no effect.