

Amend CSSB 2 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) Strike page 14, line 24, through page 15, line 4, and substitute the following:

SECTION 13. Section 6.035, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a-1) and adding Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

(a-1) An individual is ineligible to serve on an appraisal district board of directors if:

(1) the individual has engaged in the business of appraising property for compensation for use in proceedings under this title or of representing property owners for compensation in proceedings under this title in the appraisal district at any time during the preceding ~~three~~ five years;

(2) the individual or the individual's spouse is an employee of the comptroller;

(3) except as provided by Section 6.03(a), the individual is a member of the governing body, an officer, or an employee of a taxing unit; or

(4) the individual's spouse is a member of the governing body or an officer of a taxing unit that participates in the appraisal district.

(a-2) An individual is ineligible to serve on an appraisal district board of directors and is disqualified from employment as chief appraiser if the individual is required to register as a lobbyist under Chapter 305, Government Code.

(2) On page 16, line 12, strike "Sections 6.412(a) and (d)" and substitute "Sections 6.412(a), (c), and (d)".

(3) On page 17, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

(c) A person is ineligible to serve on the appraisal review board if the person is:

(1) a member of the board of directors, ~~an~~ officer, or employee of the appraisal district;

(2) ~~an~~ an employee of the comptroller;

(3) ~~an~~ a member of the governing body, officer, or employee of a taxing unit;

(4) related within the first degree by consanguinity or affinity, as determined under Chapter 573, Government Code, to:

(A) an officer or employee of the appraisal district; or

(B) a member of the governing body or an officer of a taxing unit that participates in the appraisal district; or

(5) required to register as a lobbyist under Chapter 305, Government Code.

(4) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 6.03(a), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The appraisal district is governed by a board of directors. Five directors are appointed by the taxing units that participate in the district as provided by this section. If the county assessor-collector is not appointed to the board, the county assessor-collector serves as a nonvoting director. The county assessor-collector is ineligible to serve if the board enters into a contract under Section 6.05(b) or if the commissioners court of the county enters into a contract under Section 6.24(b). To be eligible to serve on the board of directors, an individual other than a county assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director must be a resident of the district and must have resided in the district for at least two years immediately preceding the date the individual takes office. ~~[An individual who is otherwise eligible to serve on the board is not ineligible because of membership on the governing body of a taxing unit. An employee of a taxing unit that participates in the district is not eligible to serve on the board unless the individual is also a member of the governing body or an elected official of a taxing unit that participates in the district.]~~

SECTION _____. Sections 6.03(a) and 6.035(a-1), Tax Code, as amended by this Act, and Section 6.035(a-2), Tax Code, as added by this Act, do not affect the eligibility of a person serving as an appointed member of the board of directors of an appraisal district immediately before January 1, 2020, to continue to serve on the board for the remainder of the term to which the member was appointed.