



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 Amend C.S.H.B. 2 (house committee printing) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and
3 renumbering SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION __. Amend Chapter 26 Tax Code by adding a new Section
5 26.0447 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 26.0447. ELECTION TO OPT OUT. (a) On the uniform
7 election date prescribed by Section 41.001, Election Code, in May
8 of 2020, or in a subsequent uniform election date, each taxing
9 unit may call an election for the purpose of allowing the voters
10 in the taxing unit to determine whether the provisions of this Act
11 shall apply to the taxing unit. At the election, the ballots shall
12 be prepared to permit voting for or against the proposition:
13 "Whether or not registered voters in the (name of the taxing unit)
14 will be required to approve future maintenance and operations
15 property tax rates proposed by the (name of taxing unit) if the
16 proposed budget increases more than 2.5% as compared to last year.
17 The maintenance and operation property tax rate funds public
18 safety, first responders, street maintenance, libraries, parks and
19 other basic community services."

20 (b) If a majority of the votes cast in the election favor
21 the proposition, the rollback rate of this Act applies.

22 (c) If the proposition is not approved as provided by
23 Subsection (b), the taxing unit's rollback rate shall be 1.055.

24 (d) The secretary of state by rule shall prescribe
25 procedures for holding an election under this section.