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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 2 by striking all below the enacting
2 clause and substituting the following:

3 SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Texas Taxpayer
4 Transparency Act of 2019.

5 SECTION 2. Section 1.085(a), Tax Code, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision in this title and
8 except as provided by this section, any notice, rendition,
9 application form, or completed application, or information
10 requested under Section 41.461(a)(2), that is required or permitted
11 by this title to be delivered between a chief appraiser, an
12 appraisal district, an appraisal review board, or any combination
13 of those persons and a property owner or [~~between a chief appraiser,~~
14 ~~an appraisal district, an appraisal review board, or any~~
15 ~~combination of those persons and]~~ a person designated by a property
16 owner under Section 1.111(f) may be delivered in an electronic
17 format if the chief appraiser and the property owner or person
18 designated by the owner agree under this section.

19 SECTION 3. Chapter 5, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section
20 5.01 to read as follows:

21 Sec. 5.01. PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY BOARD.

22 (a) The comptroller shall appoint the property tax administration
23 advisory board to advise the comptroller with respect to the
24 division or divisions within the office of the comptroller with
25 primary responsibility for state administration of property
26 taxation and state oversight of appraisal districts. The advisory
27 board may make recommendations to the comptroller regarding
28 improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the property tax
29 system, best practices, and complaint resolution procedures.

1 (b) The advisory board is composed of at least six members
2 appointed by the comptroller. The members of the board should
3 include:

4 (1) representatives of property tax payers, appraisal
5 districts, assessors, and school districts; and

6 (2) a person who has knowledge or experience in
7 conducting ratio studies.

8 (c) The members of the advisory board serve at the pleasure
9 of the comptroller.

10 (d) Any advice to the comptroller relating to a matter
11 described by Subsection (a) that is provided by a member of the
12 advisory board must be provided at a meeting called by the
13 comptroller.

14 (e) Chapter 2110, Government Code, does not apply to the
15 advisory board.

16 SECTION 4. Sections 5.041(b), (c), (e-1), and (e-3), Tax
17 Code, are amended to read as follows:

18 (b) A member of the appraisal review board established for
19 an appraisal district must complete the course established under
20 Subsection (a). The course must provide at least eight hours of
21 classroom training and education. A member of the appraisal review
22 board may not participate in a hearing conducted by the board unless
23 the person has completed the course established under Subsection
24 (a) and received a certificate of course completion.

25 (c) The comptroller may contract with service providers to
26 assist with the duties imposed under Subsection (a), but the course
27 required may not be provided by an appraisal district, the chief
28 appraiser or another employee of an appraisal district, a member of
29 the board of directors of an appraisal district, a member of an
30 appraisal review board, or a taxing unit. The comptroller may
31 assess a fee to recover a portion of the costs incurred for the

1 training course, but the fee may not exceed \$50 for each [~~per~~
2 person trained. If the training is provided to an individual other
3 than a member of an appraisal review board, the comptroller may
4 assess a fee not to exceed \$50 for each person trained.

5 (e-1) In addition to the course established under
6 Subsection (a), the comptroller shall approve curricula and provide
7 materials for use in a continuing education course for members of an
8 appraisal review board. The course must provide at least four hours
9 of classroom training and education. The curricula and materials
10 must include information regarding:

11 (1) the cost, income, and market data comparison
12 methods of appraising property;

13 (2) the appraisal of business personal property;

14 (3) the determination of capitalization rates for
15 property appraisal purposes;

16 (4) the duties of an appraisal review board;

17 (5) the requirements regarding the independence of an
18 appraisal review board from the board of directors and the chief
19 appraiser and other employees of the appraisal district;

20 (6) the prohibitions against ex parte communications
21 applicable to appraisal review board members;

22 (7) the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal
23 Practice;

24 (8) the duty of the appraisal district to substantiate
25 the district's determination of the value of property;

26 (9) the requirements regarding the equal and uniform
27 appraisal of property;

28 (10) the right of a property owner to protest the
29 appraisal of the property as provided by Chapter 41; and

30 (11) a detailed explanation of each of the actions
31 described by Sections 25.25, 41.41(a), 41.411, 41.412, 41.413,

1 41.42, and 41.43 so that members are fully aware of each of the
2 grounds on which a property appraisal can be appealed.

3 (e-3) The comptroller may contract with service providers
4 to assist with the duties imposed under Subsection (e-1), but the
5 course required by that subsection may not be provided by an
6 appraisal district, the chief appraiser or another employee of an
7 appraisal district, a member of the board of directors of an
8 appraisal district, a member of an appraisal review board, or a
9 taxing unit. The comptroller may assess a fee to recover a portion
10 of the costs incurred for the continuing education course, but the
11 fee may not exceed \$50 for each person trained. If the training is
12 provided to an individual other than a member of an appraisal review
13 board, the comptroller may assess a fee not to exceed \$50 for each
14 person trained.

15 SECTION 5. Chapter 5, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section
16 5.043 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 5.043. TRAINING OF ARBITRATORS. (a) This section
18 applies only to persons who have agreed to serve as arbitrators
19 under Chapter 41A.

20 (b) The comptroller shall:

21 (1) approve curricula and provide an arbitration
22 manual and other materials for use in training and educating
23 arbitrators;

24 (2) make all materials for use in training and
25 educating arbitrators freely available online; and

26 (3) establish and supervise a training program on
27 property tax law for the training and education of arbitrators.

28 (c) The training program must:

29 (1) emphasize the requirements regarding the equal and
30 uniform appraisal of property; and

31 (2) be at least four hours in length.

1 (d) The training program may be provided online. The
2 comptroller by rule may prescribe the manner by which the
3 comptroller may verify that a person taking the training program
4 online has taken and completed the program.

5 (e) The comptroller may contract with service providers to
6 assist with the duties imposed under Subsection (b), but the
7 training program may not be provided by an appraisal district, the
8 chief appraiser or another employee of an appraisal district, a
9 member of the board of directors of an appraisal district, a member
10 of an appraisal review board, or a taxing unit. The comptroller may
11 assess a fee to recover a portion of the costs incurred for the
12 training program, but the fee may not exceed \$50 for each person
13 trained.

14 (f) The comptroller shall prepare an arbitration manual for
15 use in the training program. The manual shall be updated regularly
16 and may be revised on request, in writing, to the comptroller. The
17 revised language must be approved by the unanimous agreement of a
18 committee selected by the comptroller and representing, equally,
19 taxpayers and chief appraisers. The person requesting the revision
20 must pay the costs of mediation if the comptroller determines that
21 mediation is required.

22 SECTION 6. Section 5.05, Tax Code, is amended by adding
23 Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

24 (c-1) An appraisal district shall appraise property in
25 accordance with any appraisal manuals required by law to be
26 prepared and issued by the comptroller.

27 SECTION 7. Section 5.07, Tax Code, is amended by adding
28 Subsections (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) to read as follows:

29 (f) The comptroller shall prescribe tax rate calculation
30 forms to be used by the designated officer or employee of each:

31 (1) taxing unit other than a school district to

1 calculate and submit the no-new-revenue tax rate and the rollback
2 tax rate for the taxing unit as required by Chapter 26; and

3 (2) school district to:

4 (A) calculate and submit the no-new-revenue tax
5 rate and the rollback tax rate for the district as required by
6 Chapter 26; and

7 (B) submit the rate to maintain the same amount
8 of state and local revenue per weighted student that the district
9 received in the school year beginning in the preceding tax year as
10 required by Chapter 26.

11 (g) The forms described by Subsection (f) must be in an
12 electronic format and:

13 (1) have blanks that can be filled in electronically;

14 (2) be capable of being certified by the designated
15 officer or employee after completion as accurately calculating the
16 applicable tax rates and using values that are the same as the
17 values shown in the taxing unit's certified appraisal roll; and

18 (3) be capable of being electronically incorporated
19 into the property tax database maintained by each appraisal
20 district under Section 26.17 and submitted electronically to the
21 county assessor-collector of each county in which all or part of the
22 territory of the taxing unit is located.

23 (h) For purposes of Subsections (f) and (g), the comptroller
24 shall use the forms published on the comptroller's Internet website
25 as of January 1, 2019, modified as necessary to comply with the
26 requirements of this section. The comptroller shall update the
27 forms as necessary to reflect formatting or other nonsubstantive
28 changes.

29 (i) The comptroller may revise the forms to reflect
30 substantive changes other than those described by Subsection (h) or
31 on receipt of a request in writing. A revision under this

1 subsection must be approved by the agreement of a majority of the
2 members of a committee selected by the comptroller who are present
3 at a committee meeting at which a quorum is present. The members of
4 the committee must represent, equally, taxpayers, taxing units or
5 persons designated by taxing units, and assessors. In the case of a
6 revision for which the comptroller receives a request in writing,
7 the person requesting the revision shall pay the costs of mediation
8 if the comptroller determines that mediation is required.

9 (j) A meeting of the committee held under Subsection (i) is
10 not subject to the requirements of Chapter 551, Government Code.

11 SECTION 8. Section 5.09(a), Tax Code, is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 (a) The comptroller shall prepare a biennial report of the
14 total appraised values and taxable values of taxable property by
15 category and the tax rates of each county, municipality, special
16 district, and school district in effect for the two years preceding
17 the year in which the report is prepared. The comptroller shall
18 review and verify the values and tax rates reported to the
19 comptroller for the purpose of preparing the report and prepare the
20 report so that the information provided to the comptroller is
21 presented in a consistent manner.

22 SECTION 9. Section 5.091, Tax Code, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 Sec. 5.091. STATEWIDE LIST OF TAX RATES. (a) Each year the
25 comptroller shall prepare a list that includes the total tax rate
26 imposed by each taxing unit in this state, as ~~[other than a school~~
27 ~~district, if the tax rate is]~~ reported to the comptroller by each
28 appraisal district, for the year ~~[preceding the year]~~ in which the
29 list is prepared. The comptroller shall:

30 (1) prescribe the manner in which and deadline by
31 which appraisal districts are required to submit the tax rates to

1 the comptroller; and

2 (2) list the tax rates alphabetically according to:

3 (A) the county or counties in which each taxing
4 unit is located; and

5 (B) the name of each taxing unit [~~in descending~~
6 ~~order~~].

7 (b) Not later than January 1 [~~December 31~~] of the following
8 [~~each~~] year, the comptroller shall publish on the comptroller's
9 Internet website the list required by Subsection (a).

10 SECTION 10. Sections 5.102(a) and (c), Tax Code, are
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (a) At least once every two years, the comptroller shall
13 review the governance of each appraisal district, the taxpayer
14 assistance provided by each appraisal district, and the operating
15 and appraisal standards, procedures, and methodology used by each
16 appraisal district, to determine compliance with generally
17 accepted standards, procedures, and methodology, including
18 compliance with standards, procedures, and methodology prescribed
19 by any appraisal manuals required by law to be prepared and issued
20 by the comptroller. After consultation with the property tax
21 administration advisory board [~~committee created under Section~~
22 ~~403.302, Government Code~~], the comptroller by rule may establish
23 procedures and standards for conducting and scoring the review.

24 (c) At the conclusion of the review, the comptroller shall,
25 in writing, notify the appraisal district concerning its
26 performance in the review. If the review results in a finding that
27 an appraisal district is not in compliance with generally accepted
28 standards, procedures, and methodology, including compliance with
29 standards, procedures, and methodology prescribed by any appraisal
30 manuals required by law to be prepared and issued by the
31 comptroller, the comptroller shall deliver a report that details

1 the comptroller's findings and recommendations for improvement to:

2 (1) the appraisal district's chief appraiser and board
3 of directors; and

4 (2) the superintendent and board of trustees of each
5 school district participating in the appraisal district.

6 SECTION 11. Chapter 5, Tax Code, is amended by adding
7 Section 5.104 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 5.104. APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD SURVEY; REPORT. (a) The
9 comptroller shall:

10 (1) prepare an appraisal review board survey form that
11 allows an individual described by Subsection (b) to submit comments
12 and suggestions to the comptroller regarding an appraisal review
13 board;

14 (2) prepare instructions for completing and
15 submitting the form; and

16 (3) establish and maintain a web page on the
17 comptroller's Internet website that allows an individual described
18 by Subsection (b) to electronically complete and submit the form.

19 (b) The following individuals who attend a hearing in person
20 or by telephone conference call on a motion filed under Section
21 25.25 to correct the appraisal roll or a protest under Chapter 41
22 may complete and submit a survey form under this section:

23 (1) a property owner whose property is the subject of
24 the motion or protest;

25 (2) the designated agent of the owner; or

26 (3) a designated representative of the appraisal
27 district in which the motion or protest is filed.

28 (c) The survey form must allow an individual to submit
29 comments and suggestions regarding:

30 (1) the matters listed in Section 5.103(b); and

31 (2) any other matter related to the fairness and

1 efficiency of the appraisal review board.

2 (d) An appraisal district must provide to each property
3 owner or designated agent of the owner who is authorized to submit a
4 survey form under this section a document that states that the owner
5 or agent:

6 (1) is entitled to complete and submit the survey
7 form;

8 (2) may submit the form to the comptroller:

9 (A) in person;

10 (B) by mail;

11 (C) by electronic mail; or

12 (D) through the web page required to be
13 established by the comptroller under Subsection (a)(3); and

14 (3) may obtain a paper copy of the form and
15 instructions for completing the form at the appraisal office.

16 (e) The document described by Subsection (d) must include
17 the uniform resource locator (URL) address of the web page required
18 to be established by the comptroller under Subsection (a)(3).

19 (f) An appraisal district must provide the document
20 described by Subsection (d) to a property owner or the designated
21 agent of the owner:

22 (1) at or before the first hearing on the motion or
23 protest described by Subsection (b) by the appraisal review board
24 established for the appraisal district or by a panel of the board;
25 and

26 (2) with each order under Section 25.25 or 41.47
27 determining a motion or protest, as applicable, delivered by the
28 board or a panel of the board.

29 (g) Notwithstanding Subsections (d) and (f), if an
30 appraisal district provides the document described by Subsection
31 (d) to a property owner or the designated agent of the owner at or

1 before a hearing on a motion or protest described by Subsection (b),
2 the appraisal district is not required to provide another copy of
3 the document to the owner or agent at or before another hearing on a
4 motion or protest held on the same day.

5 (h) An individual who elects to submit the survey form must
6 submit the form to the comptroller as provided by this section. An
7 individual may submit only one survey form for each motion or
8 protest.

9 (i) The comptroller shall allow an individual to submit a
10 survey form to the comptroller in the following manner:

11 (1) in person;

12 (2) by mail;

13 (3) by electronic mail; or

14 (4) through the web page required to be established by
15 the comptroller under Subsection (a)(3).

16 (j) An appraisal district may not require a property owner
17 or the designated agent of the owner to complete a survey form at
18 the appraisal office.

19 (k) The comptroller shall issue an annual report that
20 summarizes the information included in the survey forms submitted
21 during the preceding tax year. The report may not disclose the
22 identity of an individual who submitted a survey form.

23 (l) The comptroller may adopt rules necessary to implement
24 this section.

25 SECTION 12. Section 5.13(d), Tax Code, is amended to read as
26 follows:

27 (d) In conducting a general audit, the comptroller shall
28 consider and report on:

29 (1) the extent to which the district complies with
30 applicable law or generally accepted standards of appraisal or
31 other relevant practice, including appraisal standards and

1 practices prescribed by any appraisal manuals required by law to be
2 prepared and issued by the comptroller;

3 (2) the uniformity and level of appraisal of major
4 kinds of property and the cause of any significant deviations from
5 ideal uniformity and equality of appraisal of major kinds of
6 property;

7 (3) duplication of effort and efficiency of operation;

8 (4) the general efficiency, quality of service, and
9 qualification of appraisal district personnel; and

10 (5) except as otherwise provided by Subsection (b) [~~of~~
11 ~~this section~~], any other matter included in the request for the
12 audit.

13 SECTION 13. Section 6.035(a-1), Tax Code, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (a-1) An individual is ineligible to serve on an appraisal
16 district board of directors if the individual has engaged in the
17 business of appraising property for compensation for use in
18 proceedings under this title or of representing property owners for
19 compensation in proceedings under this title in the appraisal
20 district at any time during the preceding three [~~five~~] years.

21 SECTION 14. Section 6.15, Tax Code, is amended by adding
22 Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

23 (c-1) Subsections (a) and (b) do not prohibit a member of
24 the board of directors of an appraisal district from transmitting
25 to the chief appraiser without comment a complaint by a property
26 owner or taxing unit about the appraisal of a specific property,
27 provided that the transmission is in writing.

28 SECTION 15. Section 6.41, Tax Code, is amended by amending
29 Subsections (b) and (d-9) and adding Subsections (b-1), (b-2), and
30 (d-10) to read as follows:

31 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-1) or (b-2), an

1 appraisal review [~~The~~] board consists of three members.

2 (b-1) An appraisal [~~However, the~~] district board of
3 directors by resolution of a majority of the board's [~~its~~] members
4 may increase the size of the district's appraisal review board to
5 the number of members the board of directors considers appropriate.

6 (b-2) An appraisal district board of directors for a
7 district established in a county with a population of one million or
8 more by resolution of a majority of the board's members shall
9 increase the size of the district's appraisal review board to the
10 number of members the board of directors considers appropriate to
11 manage the duties of the appraisal review board, including the
12 duties of each special panel established under Section 6.425.

13 (d-9) In selecting individuals who are to serve as members
14 of the appraisal review board for an appraisal district described
15 by Subsection (b-2), the local administrative district judge shall
16 select an adequate number of qualified individuals to permit the
17 chairman of the appraisal review board to fill the positions on each
18 special panel established under Section 6.425.

19 (d-10) Upon selection of the individuals who are to serve as
20 members of the appraisal review board, the local administrative
21 district judge shall enter an appropriate order designating such
22 members and setting each member's respective term of office, as
23 provided elsewhere in this section.

24 SECTION 16. Sections 6.412(a) and (d), Tax Code, are
25 amended to read as follows:

26 (a) An individual is ineligible to serve on an appraisal
27 review board if the individual:

28 (1) is related within the second degree by
29 consanguinity or affinity, as determined under Chapter 573,
30 Government Code, to an individual who is engaged in the business of
31 appraising property for compensation for use in proceedings under

1 this title or of representing property owners for compensation in
2 proceedings under this title in the appraisal district for which
3 the appraisal review board is established;

4 (2) owns property on which delinquent taxes have been
5 owed to a taxing unit for more than 60 days after the date the
6 individual knew or should have known of the delinquency unless:

7 (A) the delinquent taxes and any penalties and
8 interest are being paid under an installment payment agreement
9 under Section 33.02; or

10 (B) a suit to collect the delinquent taxes is
11 deferred or abated under Section 33.06 or 33.065; or

12 (3) is related within the third degree by
13 consanguinity or within the second degree by affinity, as
14 determined under Chapter 573, Government Code, to a member of:

15 (A) the appraisal district's board of directors;
16 or

17 (B) the appraisal review board.

18 (d) A person is ineligible to serve on the appraisal review
19 board of an appraisal district established for a county described
20 by Section 6.41(d-1) [~~having a population of more than 100,000~~] if
21 the person:

22 (1) is a former member of the board of directors,
23 former officer, or former employee of the appraisal district;

24 (2) served as a member of the governing body or officer
25 of a taxing unit for which the appraisal district appraises
26 property, until the fourth anniversary of the date the person
27 ceased to be a member or officer; [~~or~~]

28 (3) appeared before the appraisal review board for
29 compensation during the two-year period preceding the date the
30 person is appointed; or

31 (4) served for all or part of three previous terms as a

1 board member or auxiliary board member on the appraisal review
2 board.

3 SECTION 17. Section 6.414(d), Tax Code, is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (d) An auxiliary board member may hear taxpayer protests
6 before the appraisal review board. An auxiliary board member may
7 not hear taxpayer protests before a special panel established under
8 Section 6.425 unless the member is eligible to be appointed to the
9 special panel. If one or more auxiliary board members sit on a
10 panel established under Section 6.425 or 41.45 to conduct a protest
11 hearing, the number of regular appraisal review board members
12 required by that section to constitute the panel is reduced by the
13 number of auxiliary board members sitting. An auxiliary board
14 member sitting on a panel is considered a regular board member for
15 all purposes related to the conduct of the hearing.

16 SECTION 18. Section 6.42, Tax Code, is amended by amending
17 Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

18 (a) A majority of the appraisal review board constitutes a
19 quorum. The local administrative district judge under Subchapter
20 D, Chapter 74, Government Code, in the county in which [board of
21 directors of] the appraisal district is established [by resolution]
22 shall select a chairman and a secretary from among the members of
23 the appraisal review board. The judge [board of directors of the
24 appraisal district] is encouraged to select as chairman [of the
25 appraisal review board] a member of the appraisal review board, if
26 any, who has a background in law and property appraisal.

27 (d) The concurrence of a majority of the members of the
28 appraisal review board present at a meeting of the board is
29 sufficient for a recommendation, determination, decision, or other
30 action by the board. The concurrence of a majority of the members
31 of a panel of the board present at a meeting of the panel is

1 sufficient for a recommendation by the panel. The concurrence of
2 more than a majority of the members of the board or panel may not be
3 required.

4 SECTION 19. Subchapter C, Chapter 6, Tax Code, is amended by
5 adding Section 6.425 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 6.425. SPECIAL APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD PANELS IN
7 CERTAIN DISTRICTS. (a) This section applies only to the appraisal
8 review board for an appraisal district described by Section
9 6.41(b-2).

10 (b) The appraisal review board shall establish special
11 panels to conduct protest hearings under Chapter 41 relating to
12 property that:

13 (1) has an appraised value of \$50 million or more as
14 determined by the appraisal district; and

15 (2) is included in one of the following
16 classifications:

17 (A) commercial real and personal property;

18 (B) real and personal property of utilities;

19 (C) industrial and manufacturing real and
20 personal property; and

21 (D) multifamily residential real property.

22 (c) Each special panel described by this section consists of
23 three members of the appraisal review board appointed by the
24 chairman of the board.

25 (d) To be eligible to be appointed to a special panel
26 described by this section, a member of the appraisal review board
27 must:

28 (1) hold a juris doctor or equivalent degree;

29 (2) hold a master of business administration degree;

30 (3) be licensed as a certified public accountant under
31 Chapter 901, Occupations Code;

1 (4) be accredited by the American Society of
2 Appraisers as an accredited senior appraiser;

3 (5) possess an MAI professional designation from the
4 Appraisal Institute;

5 (6) possess a Certified Assessment Evaluator (CAE)
6 professional designation from the International Association of
7 Assessing Officers;

8 (7) have at least 10 years of experience in property
9 tax appraisal or consulting; or

10 (8) be licensed as a real estate broker or sales agent
11 under Chapter 1101, Occupations Code.

12 (e) Notwithstanding Subsection (d), the chairman of the
13 appraisal review board may appoint to a special panel described by
14 this section a member of the appraisal review board who does not
15 meet the qualifications prescribed by that subsection if:

16 (1) the number of persons appointed to the board by the
17 local administrative district judge who meet those qualifications
18 is not sufficient to fill the positions on each special panel; and

19 (2) the board member being appointed to the panel
20 holds a bachelor's degree in any field.

21 (f) In addition to conducting protest hearings relating to
22 property described by Subsection (b) of this section, a special
23 panel may conduct protest hearings under Chapter 41 relating to
24 property not described by Subsection (b) of this section as
25 assigned by the chairman of the appraisal review board.

26 SECTION 20. Section 22.23(d), Tax Code, is amended to read
27 as follows:

28 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,
29 rendition statements and property reports required to be filed by a
30 property owner [~~for property~~] regulated by the Public Utility
31 Commission of Texas, the Railroad Commission of Texas, the federal

1 Surface Transportation Board, or the Federal Energy Regulatory
2 Commission must be delivered to the chief appraiser not later than
3 April 30, except as provided by Section 22.02. The chief appraiser
4 may extend the filing deadline in the manner prescribed by
5 Subsection (b) [~~15 days for good cause shown in writing by the~~
6 ~~property owner]~~.

7 SECTION 21. Section 23.01, Tax Code, is amended by amending
8 Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

9 (b) The market value of property shall be determined by the
10 application of generally accepted appraisal methods and
11 techniques, including appraisal methods and techniques prescribed
12 by any appraisal manuals required by law to be prepared and issued
13 by the comptroller. If the appraisal district determines the
14 appraised value of a property using mass appraisal standards, the
15 mass appraisal standards must comply with the Uniform Standards of
16 Professional Appraisal Practice. The same or similar appraisal
17 methods and techniques shall be used in appraising the same or
18 similar kinds of property. However, each property shall be
19 appraised based upon the individual characteristics that affect the
20 property's market value, and all available evidence that is
21 specific to the value of the property shall be taken into account in
22 determining the property's market value.

23 (h) Appraisal methods and techniques included in the most
24 recent versions of the following are considered generally accepted
25 appraisal methods and techniques for the purposes of this title:

26 (1) the Appraisal of Real Estate published by the
27 Appraisal Institute;

28 (2) the Dictionary of Real Estate Appraisal published
29 by the Appraisal Institute;

30 (3) the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal
31 Practice published by The Appraisal Foundation;

1 (4) a publication of the International Association of
2 Assessing Officers that includes information related to mass
3 appraisal; and

4 (5) any other verifiable authority if none of the
5 publications described by Subdivisions (1)-(4) includes a
6 generally accepted appraisal methodology or technique applicable
7 to the appraisal of one or more classes of property.

8 SECTION 22. Section 25.19, Tax Code, is amended by amending
9 Subsections (b) and (i) and adding Subsections (b-3) and (b-4) to
10 read as follows:

11 (b) The chief appraiser shall separate real from personal
12 property and include in the notice for each:

13 (1) a list of the taxing units in which the property is
14 taxable;

15 (2) the appraised value of the property in the
16 preceding year;

17 (3) the taxable value of the property in the preceding
18 year for each taxing unit taxing the property;

19 (4) the appraised value of the property for the
20 current year, the kind and amount of each exemption and partial
21 exemption, if any, approved for the property for the current year
22 and for the preceding year, and, if an exemption or partial
23 exemption that was approved for the preceding year was canceled or
24 reduced for the current year, the amount of the exemption or partial
25 exemption canceled or reduced;

26 (5) ~~[if the appraised value is greater than it was in~~
27 ~~the preceding year, the amount of tax that would be imposed on the~~
28 ~~property on the basis of the tax rate for the preceding year;~~

29 [~~(6)~~] in italic typeface, the following
30 statement: "The Texas Legislature does not set the amount of your
31 local taxes. Your property tax burden is decided by your locally

1 elected officials, and all inquiries concerning your taxes should
2 be directed to those officials";

3 (6) [~~(7)~~] a detailed explanation of the time and
4 procedure for protesting the value;

5 (7) [~~(8)~~] the date and place the appraisal review
6 board will begin hearing protests; and

7 (8) [~~(9)~~] a brief explanation that the governing body
8 of each taxing unit decides whether or not taxes on the property
9 will increase and the appraisal district only determines the value
10 of the property.

11 (b-3) This subsection applies only to an appraisal district
12 described by Section 6.41(b-2). In addition to the information
13 required by Subsection (b), the chief appraiser shall state in a
14 notice of appraised value of property described by Section 6.425(b)
15 that the property owner has the right to have a protest relating to
16 the property heard by a special panel of the appraisal review board.

17 (b-4) Subsection (b)(5) applies only to a notice of
18 appraised value required to be delivered by the chief appraiser of
19 an appraisal district established in a county with a population of
20 less than 120,000. This subsection expires January 1, 2022.

21 (i) Delivery with a notice required by Subsection (a) or (g)
22 of a copy of the pamphlet published by the comptroller under Section
23 5.06 or a copy of the notice published by the chief appraiser under
24 Section 41.70 is sufficient to comply with the requirement that the
25 notice include the information specified by Subsection (b)(6)
26 [~~(b)(7)~~] or (g)(3), as applicable.

27 SECTION 23. Section 26.01, Tax Code, is amended by adding
28 Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

29 (a-1) If by July 20 the appraisal review board for an
30 appraisal district has not approved the appraisal records for the
31 district as required under Section 41.12, the chief appraiser shall

1 not later than July 25 prepare and certify to the assessor for each
2 taxing unit participating in the district an estimate of the
3 taxable value of property in that taxing unit.

4 SECTION 24. Section 26.012, Tax Code, is amended by
5 amending Subdivisions (7) and (10) and adding Subdivisions (10-a),
6 (19), (20), and (22) to read as follows:

7 (7) "Debt" means a bond, warrant, certificate of
8 obligation, or other evidence of indebtedness owed by a taxing unit
9 that has been approved at an election and is payable solely from
10 property taxes in installments over a period of more than one year,
11 not budgeted for payment from maintenance and operations funds, and
12 secured by a pledge of property taxes, or a payment made under
13 contract to secure indebtedness of a similar nature issued by
14 another political subdivision on behalf of the taxing unit.

15 (10) "Excess collections" means the amount, if any, by
16 which debt taxes collected in the preceding year exceeded the
17 amount anticipated in the preceding year's calculation of the
18 rollback tax rate, as certified by the collector under Section
19 26.04(b) [~~of this code~~].

20 (10-a) "Inflation rate" means the amount, expressed in
21 decimal form rounded to the nearest thousandth, computed by
22 determining the percentage change in the consumer price index for
23 the preceding calendar year as compared to the consumer price index
24 for the calendar year preceding that calendar year.

25 (19) "Revenue enrichment amount" means the amount for
26 the current tax year published by the comptroller under Section
27 26.04(b-1).

28 (20) "Revenue enrichment rate" means the rate that,
29 when applied to a taxing unit's current total value, will impose an
30 amount of taxes equal to the revenue enrichment amount.

31 (22) "Unused increment rate" means the rate equal to

1 the positive difference between:

2 (A) the aggregate rate by which a taxing unit's
3 rollback tax rate, calculated without regard to this subdivision,
4 exceeded the taxing unit's adopted tax rate in the preceding five
5 tax years; and

6 (B) the aggregate rate by which a taxing unit's
7 adopted tax rate exceeded the taxing unit's rollback tax rate,
8 calculated without regard to this subdivision, in the preceding
9 five tax years.

10 SECTION 25. Section 26.012(9), Tax Code, is redesignated as
11 Section 26.012(18), Tax Code, and amended to read as follows:

12 (18) "No-new-revenue [~~49~~—"Effective] maintenance
13 and operations rate" means a rate expressed in dollars per \$100 of
14 taxable value and calculated according to the following formula:

15 NO-NEW-REVENUE [~~EFFECTIVE~~] MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS
16 RATE = (LAST YEAR'S LEVY - LAST YEAR'S DEBT LEVY - LAST
17 YEAR'S JUNIOR COLLEGE LEVY) / (CURRENT TOTAL VALUE -
18 NEW PROPERTY VALUE)

19 SECTION 26. Chapter 26, Tax Code, is amended by adding
20 Section 26.013 to read as follows:

21 Sec. 26.013. CALCULATION OF UNUSED INCREMENT RATE IN
22 CERTAIN TAX YEARS. (a) Notwithstanding Section 26.012(22), until
23 December 31, 2024, for purposes of calculating the unused increment
24 rate:

25 (1) the aggregate rate by which a taxing unit's
26 rollback tax rate, calculated without regard to Section 26.012(22),
27 exceeded the taxing unit's adopted tax rate in preceding tax years
28 may include only the adopted tax rates for tax years that begin on
29 or after January 1, 2020; and

30 (2) the aggregate rate by which a taxing unit's adopted
31 tax rate exceeded the taxing unit's rollback tax rate, calculated

1 without regard to Section 26.012(22), in preceding tax years may
2 include only the adopted tax rates for tax years that begin on or
3 after January 1, 2020.

4 (b) This section expires December 31, 2024.

5 SECTION 27. The heading to Section 26.04, Tax Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 26.04. SUBMISSION OF ROLL TO GOVERNING BODY;
8 NO-NEW-REVENUE [~~EFFECTIVE~~] AND ROLLBACK TAX RATES.

9 SECTION 28. Section 26.04, Tax Code, is amended by amending
10 Subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), (e-1), (f), (g), (i), and (j) and
11 adding Subsections (b-1), (c-1), (d-1), (d-2), (d-3), (e-2), (e-3),
12 (e-4), (e-5), (h-1), and (h-2) to read as follows:

13 (b) The assessor shall submit the appraisal roll for the
14 taxing unit showing the total appraised, assessed, and taxable
15 values of all property and the total taxable value of new property
16 to the governing body of the taxing unit by August 1 or as soon
17 thereafter as practicable. By August 1 or as soon thereafter as
18 practicable, the taxing unit's collector shall certify [~~an estimate~~
19 ~~of~~] the anticipated collection rate as calculated under Subsections
20 (h), (h-1), and (h-2) for the current year to the governing body.
21 If the collector certified an anticipated collection rate in the
22 preceding year and the actual collection rate in that year exceeded
23 the anticipated rate, the collector shall also certify the amount
24 of debt taxes collected in excess of the anticipated amount in the
25 preceding year.

26 (b-1) By August 1 or as soon thereafter as practicable, the
27 comptroller shall determine the revenue enrichment amount for the
28 current tax year and publish that amount in the Texas Register. The
29 revenue enrichment amount for the 2020 tax year is \$250,000. For
30 each succeeding tax year, the revenue enrichment amount is equal to
31 the revenue enrichment amount for the preceding tax year as

1 adjusted by the comptroller to reflect the inflation rate.

2 (c) After the assessor for the taxing unit submits the
3 appraisal roll for the taxing unit to the governing body of the
4 taxing unit as required by Subsection (b) and the comptroller
5 publishes the revenue enrichment amount for the current tax year as
6 required by Subsection (b-1), an [An] officer or employee
7 designated by the governing body shall calculate the no-new-revenue
8 [effective] tax rate and the rollback tax rate for the taxing unit,
9 where:

10 (1) "No-new-revenue [Effective] tax rate" means a rate
11 expressed in dollars per \$100 of taxable value calculated according
12 to the following formula:

13 NO-NEW-REVENUE [EFFECTIVE] TAX RATE = (LAST YEAR'S
14 LEVY - LOST PROPERTY LEVY) / (CURRENT TOTAL VALUE -
15 NEW PROPERTY VALUE)

16 ; and

17 (2) "Rollback tax rate" means a rate expressed in
18 dollars per \$100 of taxable value calculated according to the
19 following formula:

20 ROLLBACK TAX RATE = (NO-NEW-REVENUE [EFFECTIVE]
21 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS RATE x 1.06 [1.08]) +
22 (CURRENT DEBT RATE + REVENUE ENRICHMENT RATE + UNUSED
23 INCREMENT RATE)

24 (c-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,
25 if the assessor for a taxing unit receives a certified estimate of
26 the taxable value of property in the taxing unit under Section
27 26.01(a-1), the officer or employee designated by the governing
28 body of the taxing unit shall calculate the no-new-revenue tax rate
29 and rollback tax rate using the certified estimate of taxable
30 value.

31 (d) The no-new-revenue [effective] tax rate for a county is

1 the sum of the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] tax rates calculated for
2 each type of tax the county levies and the rollback tax rate for a
3 county is the sum of the rollback tax rates calculated for each type
4 of tax the county levies.

5 (d-1) The designated officer or employee shall use the tax
6 rate calculation forms prescribed by the comptroller under Section
7 5.07 in calculating the no-new-revenue tax rate and the rollback
8 tax rate.

9 (d-2) The designated officer or employee may not submit the
10 no-new-revenue tax rate and the rollback tax rate to the governing
11 body of the taxing unit and the taxing unit may not adopt a tax rate
12 until the designated officer or employee certifies on the tax rate
13 calculation forms that the designated officer or employee has
14 accurately calculated the tax rates and has used values that are the
15 same as the values shown in the taxing unit's certified appraisal
16 roll in performing the calculations.

17 (d-3) As soon as practicable after the designated officer or
18 employee calculates the no-new-revenue tax rate and the rollback
19 tax rate of the taxing unit, the designated officer or employee
20 shall submit the tax rate calculation forms used in calculating the
21 rates to the county assessor-collector for each county in which all
22 or part of the territory of the taxing unit is located.

23 (e) By August 7 or as soon thereafter as practicable, the
24 designated officer or employee shall:

25 (1) submit the rates to the governing body;

26 (2) [~~He shall deliver by mail to each property owner~~
27 ~~in the unit or~~] publish the rates in a newspaper having general
28 circulation in the county in which the taxing unit is located or
29 primarily located;

30 (3) post the rates in a prominent location on the
31 taxing unit's Internet website; and

1 (4) prepare and submit to the governing body ~~[in the~~
2 ~~form prescribed by the comptroller.~~

3 ~~[(1) the effective tax rate, the rollback tax rate,~~
4 ~~and an explanation of how they were calculated,~~

5 ~~[(2) the estimated amount of interest and sinking fund~~
6 ~~balances and the estimated amount of maintenance and operation or~~
7 ~~general fund balances remaining at the end of the current fiscal~~
8 ~~year that are not encumbered with or by corresponding existing debt~~
9 ~~obligation,~~

10 ~~[(3)]~~ a schedule of the taxing unit's debt obligations
11 showing:

12 (A) the amount of principal and interest that
13 will be paid to service the taxing unit's debts in the next year
14 from property tax revenue, including payments of lawfully incurred
15 contractual obligations providing security for the payment of the
16 principal of and interest on bonds and other evidences of
17 indebtedness issued on behalf of the taxing unit by another
18 political subdivision and, if the taxing unit is created under
19 Section 52, Article III, or Section 59, Article XVI, Texas
20 Constitution, payments on debts that the taxing unit anticipates to
21 incur in the next calendar year;

22 (B) the amount by which taxes imposed for debt
23 are to be increased because of the taxing unit's anticipated
24 collection rate; and

25 (C) the total of the amounts listed in Paragraphs
26 (A)-(B), less any amount collected in excess of the previous year's
27 anticipated collections certified as provided in Subsection (b) ~~[,~~

28 ~~[(4) the amount of additional sales and use tax~~
29 ~~revenue anticipated in calculations under Section 26.041,~~

30 ~~[(5) a statement that the adoption of a tax rate equal~~
31 ~~to the effective tax rate would result in an increase or decrease,~~

1 ~~as applicable, in the amount of taxes imposed by the unit as~~
2 ~~compared to last year's levy, and the amount of the increase or~~
3 ~~decrease;~~

4 ~~[(6) in the year that a taxing unit calculates an~~
5 ~~adjustment under Subsection (i) or (j), a schedule that includes~~
6 ~~the following elements:~~

7 ~~[(A) the name of the unit discontinuing the~~
8 ~~department, function, or activity;~~

9 ~~[(B) the amount of property tax revenue spent by~~
10 ~~the unit listed under Paragraph (A) to operate the discontinued~~
11 ~~department, function, or activity in the 12 months preceding the~~
12 ~~month in which the calculations required by this chapter are made;~~
13 ~~and~~

14 ~~[(C) the name of the unit that operates a~~
15 ~~distinct department, function, or activity in all or a majority of~~
16 ~~the territory of a taxing unit that has discontinued operating the~~
17 ~~distinct department, function, or activity; and~~

18 ~~[(7) in the year following the year in which a taxing~~
19 ~~unit raised its rollback rate as required by Subsection (j), a~~
20 ~~schedule that includes the following elements:~~

21 ~~[(A) the amount of property tax revenue spent by~~
22 ~~the unit to operate the department, function, or activity for which~~
23 ~~the taxing unit raised the rollback rate as required by Subsection~~
24 ~~(j) for the 12 months preceding the month in which the calculations~~
25 ~~required by this chapter are made; and~~

26 ~~[(B) the amount published by the unit in the~~
27 ~~preceding tax year under Subdivision (6)(B)].~~

28 (e-1) The tax rate certification requirements imposed by
29 Subsection (d-2) and the notice requirements imposed by Subsections
30 (e)(2)-(4) [(e)(1)-(6)] do not apply to a school district.

31 (e-2) By August 7 or as soon thereafter as practicable, the

1 chief appraiser of each appraisal district shall deliver by regular
2 mail or e-mail to each owner of property located in the appraisal
3 district a notice that the estimated amount of taxes to be imposed
4 on the owner's property by each taxing unit in which the property is
5 located may be found in the property tax database maintained by the
6 appraisal district under Section 26.17. The notice must include:

7 (1) a statement directing the property owner to an
8 Internet website from which the owner may access information
9 related to the actions taken or proposed to be taken by each taxing
10 unit in which the property is located that may affect the taxes
11 imposed on the owner's property;

12 (2) a statement that the property owner may request
13 from the county assessor-collector for the county in which the
14 property is located or, if the county assessor-collector does not
15 assess taxes for the county, the person who assesses taxes for the
16 county under Section 6.24(b), contact information for the assessor
17 for each taxing unit in which the property is located, who must
18 provide the information described by this subsection to the owner
19 on request; and

20 (3) the name, address, and telephone number of the
21 county assessor-collector for the county in which the property is
22 located or, if the county assessor-collector does not assess taxes
23 for the county, the person who assesses taxes for the county under
24 Section 6.24(b).

25 (e-3) The statement described by Subsection (e-2)(1) must
26 include a heading that is in bold, capital letters in type larger
27 than that used in the other provisions of the notice.

28 (e-4) The comptroller:

29 (1) with the advice of the property tax administration
30 advisory board, shall adopt rules prescribing the form of the
31 notice required by Subsection (e-2); and

1 (2) may adopt rules regarding the format and delivery
2 of the notice.

3 (e-5) The governing body of a taxing unit shall include as
4 an appendix to the taxing unit's budget for a fiscal year the tax
5 rate calculation forms used by the designated officer or employee
6 of the taxing unit to calculate the no-new-revenue tax rate and the
7 rollback tax rate of the taxing unit for the tax year in which the
8 fiscal year begins.

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-revenue
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 taxing unit, the chief appraiser of the
18 applicable appraisal district, or the taxing unit, as applicable,
19 has not complied with the computation, ~~[or]~~ publication, or posting
20 requirements of this section or Section 26.16, 26.17, or 26.18 ~~[and~~
21 ~~the failure to comply was not in good faith]. It is a defense in an~~
22 action for an injunction under this subsection that the failure to
23 comply was in good faith.

24 (h-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (h), if the anticipated
25 collection rate of a taxing unit as calculated under that
26 subsection is lower than the lowest actual collection rate of the
27 taxing unit for any of the preceding three years, the anticipated
28 collection rate of the taxing unit for purposes of this section is
29 equal to the lowest actual collection rate of the taxing unit for
30 any of the preceding three years.

31 (h-2) The anticipated collection rate of a taxing unit for

1 purposes of this section is the rate calculated under Subsection
2 (h) as modified by Subsection (h-1), if applicable, regardless of
3 whether that rate exceeds 100 percent.

4 (i) This subsection applies to a taxing unit that has agreed
5 by written contract to transfer a distinct department, function, or
6 activity to another taxing unit and discontinues operating that
7 distinct department, function, or activity if the operation of that
8 department, function, or activity in all or a majority of the
9 territory of the taxing unit is continued by another existing
10 taxing unit or by a new taxing unit. The rollback tax rate of a
11 taxing unit to which this subsection applies in the first tax year
12 in which a budget is adopted that does not allocate revenue to the
13 discontinued department, function, or activity is calculated as
14 otherwise provided by this section, except that last year's levy
15 used to calculate the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] maintenance and
16 operations rate of the taxing unit is reduced by the amount of
17 maintenance and operations tax revenue spent by the taxing unit to
18 operate the department, function, or activity for the 12 months
19 preceding the month in which the calculations required by this
20 chapter are made and in which the taxing unit operated the
21 discontinued department, function, or activity. If the taxing unit
22 did not operate that department, function, or activity for the full
23 12 months preceding the month in which the calculations required by
24 this chapter are made, the taxing unit shall reduce last year's levy
25 used for calculating the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] maintenance
26 and operations rate of the taxing unit by the amount of the revenue
27 spent in the last full fiscal year in which the taxing unit operated
28 the discontinued department, function, or activity.

29 (j) This subsection applies to a taxing unit that had agreed
30 by written contract to accept the transfer of a distinct
31 department, function, or activity from another taxing unit and

1 operates a distinct department, function, or activity if the
2 operation of a substantially similar department, function, or
3 activity in all or a majority of the territory of the taxing unit
4 has been discontinued by another taxing unit, including a dissolved
5 taxing unit. The rollback tax rate of a taxing unit to which this
6 subsection applies in the first tax year after the other taxing unit
7 discontinued the substantially similar department, function, or
8 activity in which a budget is adopted that allocates revenue to the
9 department, function, or activity is calculated as otherwise
10 provided by this section, except that last year's levy used to
11 calculate the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] maintenance and
12 operations rate of the taxing unit is increased by the amount of
13 maintenance and operations tax revenue spent by the taxing unit
14 that discontinued operating the substantially similar department,
15 function, or activity to operate that department, function, or
16 activity for the 12 months preceding the month in which the
17 calculations required by this chapter are made and in which the
18 taxing unit operated the discontinued department, function, or
19 activity. If the taxing unit did not operate the discontinued
20 department, function, or activity for the full 12 months preceding
21 the month in which the calculations required by this chapter are
22 made, the taxing unit may increase last year's levy used to
23 calculate the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] maintenance and
24 operations rate by an amount not to exceed the amount of property
25 tax revenue spent by the discontinuing taxing unit to operate the
26 discontinued department, function, or activity in the last full
27 fiscal year in which the discontinuing taxing unit operated the
28 department, function, or activity.

29 SECTION 29. Sections 26.041(a), (b), (c), (e), (g), and
30 (h), Tax Code, are amended to read as follows:

31 (a) In the first year in which an additional sales and use

1 tax is required to be collected, the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] tax
2 rate and rollback tax rate for the taxing unit are calculated
3 according to the following formulas:

4 NO-NEW-REVENUE [~~EFFECTIVE~~] TAX RATE = [(LAST YEAR'S
5 LEVY - LOST PROPERTY LEVY) / (CURRENT TOTAL VALUE - NEW
6 PROPERTY VALUE)] - SALES TAX GAIN RATE

7 and

8 ROLLBACK TAX RATE = (NO-NEW-REVENUE [~~EFFECTIVE~~]
9 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS RATE x 1.06 [~~1.08~~]) +
10 (CURRENT DEBT RATE + REVENUE ENRICHMENT RATE + UNUSED
11 INCREMENT RATE - SALES TAX GAIN RATE)

12 where "sales tax gain rate" means a number expressed in dollars per
13 \$100 of taxable value, calculated by dividing the revenue that will
14 be generated by the additional sales and use tax in the following
15 year as calculated under Subsection (d) [~~of this section~~] by the
16 current total value.

17 (b) Except as provided by Subsections (a) and (c) [~~of this~~
18 ~~section~~], in a year in which a taxing unit imposes an additional
19 sales and use tax, the rollback tax rate for the taxing unit is
20 calculated according to the following formula, regardless of
21 whether the taxing unit levied a property tax in the preceding year:

22 ROLLBACK TAX RATE = [(LAST YEAR'S MAINTENANCE AND
23 OPERATIONS EXPENSE x 1.06 [~~1.08~~]) / ((~~TOTAL~~) CURRENT
24 TOTAL VALUE - NEW PROPERTY VALUE)] + (CURRENT DEBT RATE
25 + REVENUE ENRICHMENT RATE + UNUSED INCREMENT RATE -
26 SALES TAX REVENUE RATE)

27 where "last year's maintenance and operations expense" means the
28 amount spent for maintenance and operations from property tax and
29 additional sales and use tax revenues in the preceding year, and
30 "sales tax revenue rate" means a number expressed in dollars per
31 \$100 of taxable value, calculated by dividing the revenue that will

1 be generated by the additional sales and use tax in the current year
2 as calculated under Subsection (d) [~~of this section~~] by the current
3 total value.

4 (c) In a year in which a taxing unit that has been imposing
5 an additional sales and use tax ceases to impose an additional sales
6 and use tax, the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] tax rate and rollback
7 tax rate for the taxing unit are calculated according to the
8 following formulas:

9 NO-NEW-REVENUE [~~EFFECTIVE~~] TAX RATE = [(LAST YEAR'S
10 LEVY - LOST PROPERTY LEVY) / (CURRENT TOTAL VALUE - NEW
11 PROPERTY VALUE)] + SALES TAX LOSS RATE

12 and

13 ROLLBACK TAX RATE = [(LAST YEAR'S MAINTENANCE AND
14 OPERATIONS EXPENSE x 1.06 [~~1.08~~]) / (~~[TOTAL]~~ CURRENT
15 TOTAL VALUE - NEW PROPERTY VALUE)] + (CURRENT DEBT RATE
16 + REVENUE ENRICHMENT RATE + UNUSED INCREMENT RATE)

17 where "sales tax loss rate" means a number expressed in dollars per
18 \$100 of taxable value, calculated by dividing the amount of sales
19 and use tax revenue generated in the last four quarters for which
20 the information is available by the current total value and "last
21 year's maintenance and operations expense" means the amount spent
22 for maintenance and operations from property tax and additional
23 sales and use tax revenues in the preceding year.

24 (e) If a city that imposes an additional sales and use tax
25 receives payments under the terms of a contract executed before
26 January 1, 1986, in which the city agrees not to annex certain
27 property or a certain area and the owners or lessees of the property
28 or of property in the area agree to pay at least annually to the city
29 an amount determined by reference to all or a percentage of the
30 property tax rate of the city and all or a part of the value of the
31 property subject to the agreement or included in the area subject to

1 the agreement, the governing body, by order adopted by a majority
2 vote of the governing body, may direct the designated officer or
3 employee to add to the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] and rollback tax
4 rates the amount that, when applied to the total taxable value
5 submitted to the governing body, would produce an amount of taxes
6 equal to the difference between the total amount of payments for the
7 tax year under contracts described by this subsection under the
8 rollback tax rate calculated under this section and the total
9 amount of payments for the tax year that would have been obligated
10 to the city if the city had not adopted an additional sales and use
11 tax.

12 (g) If the rate of the additional sales and use tax is
13 increased, the designated officer or employee shall make two
14 projections, in the manner provided by Subsection (d) [~~of this~~
15 ~~section~~], of the revenue generated by the additional sales and use
16 tax in the following year. The first projection must take into
17 account the increase and the second projection must not take into
18 account the increase. The designated officer or employee shall
19 then subtract the amount of the result of the second projection from
20 the amount of the result of the first projection to determine the
21 revenue generated as a result of the increase in the additional
22 sales and use tax. In the first year in which an additional sales
23 and use tax is increased, the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] tax rate
24 for the taxing unit is the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] tax rate
25 before the increase minus a number the numerator of which is the
26 revenue generated as a result of the increase in the additional
27 sales and use tax, as determined under this subsection, and the
28 denominator of which is the current total value minus the new
29 property value.

30 (h) If the rate of the additional sales and use tax is
31 decreased, the designated officer or employee shall make two

1 projections, in the manner provided by Subsection (d) [~~of this~~
2 ~~section~~], of the revenue generated by the additional sales and use
3 tax in the following year. The first projection must take into
4 account the decrease and the second projection must not take into
5 account the decrease. The designated officer or employee shall
6 then subtract the amount of the result of the first projection from
7 the amount of the result of the second projection to determine the
8 revenue lost as a result of the decrease in the additional sales and
9 use tax. In the first year in which an additional sales and use tax
10 is decreased, the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] tax rate for the
11 taxing unit is the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] tax rate before the
12 decrease plus a number the numerator of which is the revenue lost as
13 a result of the decrease in the additional sales and use tax, as
14 determined under this subsection, and the denominator of which is
15 the current total value minus the new property value.

16 SECTION 30. The heading to Section 26.043, Tax Code, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Sec. 26.043. ROLLBACK AND NO-NEW-REVENUE [~~EFFECTIVE~~] TAX
19 RATES [~~RATE~~] IN CITY IMPOSING MASS TRANSIT SALES AND USE TAX.

20 SECTION 31. Sections 26.043(a) and (b), Tax Code, are
21 amended to read as follows:

22 (a) In the tax year in which a city has set an election on
23 the question of whether to impose a local sales and use tax under
24 Subchapter H, Chapter 453, Transportation Code, the officer or
25 employee designated to make the calculations provided by Section
26 26.04 may not make those calculations until the outcome of the
27 election is determined. If the election is determined in favor of
28 the imposition of the tax, the designated officer or employee
29 [~~representative~~] shall subtract from the city's rollback and
30 no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] tax rates the amount that, if applied to
31 the city's current total value, would impose an amount equal to the

1 amount of property taxes budgeted in the current tax year to pay for
2 expenses related to mass transit services.

3 (b) In a tax year to which this section applies, a reference
4 in this chapter to the city's no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] or
5 rollback tax rate refers to that rate as adjusted under this
6 section.

7 SECTION 32. The heading to Section 26.044, Tax Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Sec. 26.044. NO-NEW-REVENUE [~~EFFECTIVE~~] TAX RATE TO PAY FOR
10 STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANDATE.

11 SECTION 33. Sections 26.044(a), (b), and (c), Tax Code, are
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (a) The first time that a county adopts a tax rate after
14 September 1, 1991, in which the state criminal justice mandate
15 applies to the county, the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] maintenance
16 and operation rate for the county is increased by the rate
17 calculated according to the following formula:

18 (State Criminal Justice Mandate) / (Current Total
19 Value - New Property Value)

20 (b) In the second and subsequent years that a county adopts
21 a tax rate, if the amount spent by the county for the state criminal
22 justice mandate increased over the previous year, the
23 no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] maintenance and operation rate for the
24 county is increased by the rate calculated according to the
25 following formula:

26 (This Year's State Criminal Justice Mandate - Previous
27 Year's State Criminal Justice Mandate) / (Current
28 Total Value - New Property Value)

29 (c) The county shall include a notice of the increase in the
30 no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] maintenance and operation rate provided
31 by this section, including a description and amount of the state

1 criminal justice mandate, in the information published under
2 Section 26.04(e) and, as applicable, in the notice prescribed by
3 Section 26.06 or 26.061 [~~26.06(b) of this code~~].

4 SECTION 34. Sections 26.0441(a), (b), and (c), Tax Code,
5 are amended to read as follows:

6 (a) In the first tax year in which a taxing unit adopts a tax
7 rate after January 1, 2000, and in which the enhanced minimum
8 eligibility standards for indigent health care established under
9 Section 61.006, Health and Safety Code, apply to the taxing unit,
10 the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] maintenance and operations rate for
11 the taxing unit is increased by the rate computed according to the
12 following formula:

13 Amount of Increase = Enhanced Indigent Health Care
14 Expenditures / (Current Total Value - New Property
15 Value)

16 (b) In each subsequent tax year, if the taxing unit's
17 enhanced indigent health care expenses exceed the amount of those
18 expenses for the preceding year, the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~]
19 maintenance and operations rate for the taxing unit is increased by
20 the rate computed according to the following formula:

21 Amount of Increase = (Current Tax Year's Enhanced
22 Indigent Health Care Expenditures - Preceding Tax
23 Year's Indigent Health Care Expenditures) / (Current
24 Total Value - New Property Value)

25 (c) The taxing unit shall include a notice of the increase
26 in its no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] maintenance and operations rate
27 provided by this section, including a brief description and the
28 amount of the enhanced indigent health care expenditures, in the
29 information published under Section 26.04(e) and, as [~~if~~]
30 applicable, in the notice prescribed by Section 26.06 or 26.061
31 [~~26.06(b)~~].

1 SECTION 35. Section 26.05, Tax Code, is amended by amending
2 Subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (g) and adding Subsections
3 (d-1), (d-2), and (e-1) to read as follows:

4 (a) The governing body of each taxing unit [~~, before the~~
5 ~~later of September 30 or the 60th day after the date the certified~~
6 ~~appraisal roll is received by the taxing unit,~~] shall adopt a tax
7 rate for the current tax year and shall notify the assessor for the
8 taxing unit of the rate adopted. The governing body must adopt a
9 tax rate before the later of September 30 or the 60th day after the
10 date the certified appraisal roll is received by the taxing unit,
11 except that the governing body must adopt a tax rate that exceeds
12 the rollback tax rate not later than the 71st day before the next
13 uniform election date prescribed by Section 41.001, Election Code,
14 that occurs in November of that year. The tax rate consists of two
15 components, each of which must be approved separately. The
16 components are:

17 (1) for a taxing unit other than a school district, the
18 rate that, if applied to the total taxable value, will impose the
19 total amount described by [~~published under~~] Section 26.04(e)(4)(C)
20 [~~26.04(e)(3)(C)~~], less any amount of additional sales and use tax
21 revenue that will be used to pay debt service, or, for a school
22 district, the rate calculated under Section
23 44.004(c)(5)(A)(ii)(b), Education Code; and

24 (2) the rate that, if applied to the total taxable
25 value, will impose the amount of taxes needed to fund maintenance
26 and operation expenditures of the taxing unit for the next year.

27 (b) A taxing unit may not impose property taxes in any year
28 until the governing body has adopted a tax rate for that year, and
29 the annual tax rate must be set by ordinance, resolution, or order,
30 depending on the method prescribed by law for adoption of a law by
31 the governing body. The vote on the ordinance, resolution, or order

1 setting the tax rate must be separate from the vote adopting the
2 budget. For a taxing unit other than a school district, the vote on
3 the ordinance, resolution, or order setting a tax rate that exceeds
4 the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] tax rate must be a record vote, and
5 at least 60 percent of the members of the governing body must vote
6 in favor of the ordinance, resolution, or order. For a school
7 district, the vote on the ordinance, resolution, or order setting a
8 tax rate that exceeds the sum of the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~]
9 maintenance and operations tax rate of the district as determined
10 under Section 26.08(i) and the district's current debt rate must be
11 a record vote, and at least 60 percent of the members of the
12 governing body must vote in favor of the ordinance, resolution, or
13 order. A motion to adopt an ordinance, resolution, or order setting
14 a tax rate that exceeds the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] tax rate
15 must be made in the following form: "I move that the property tax
16 rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of (specify tax
17 rate), which is effectively a (insert percentage by which the
18 proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] tax rate)
19 percent increase in the tax rate." If the ordinance, resolution, or
20 order sets a tax rate that, if applied to the total taxable value,
21 will impose an amount of taxes to fund maintenance and operation
22 expenditures of the taxing unit that exceeds the amount of taxes
23 imposed for that purpose in the preceding year, the taxing unit
24 must:

25 (1) include in the ordinance, resolution, or order in
26 type larger than the type used in any other portion of the document:

27 (A) the following statement: "THIS TAX RATE WILL
28 RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S
29 TAX RATE."; and

30 (B) if the tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue
31 [~~effective~~] maintenance and operations rate, the following

1 statement: "THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY (INSERT
2 PERCENTAGE BY WHICH THE TAX RATE EXCEEDS THE NO-NEW-REVENUE
3 [~~EFFECTIVE~~] MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS RATE) PERCENT AND WILL RAISE
4 TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY
5 APPROXIMATELY \$(Insert amount)."; and

6 (2) include on the home page of the [~~any~~] Internet
7 website of [~~operated by~~] the taxing unit:

8 (A) the following statement: "(Insert name of
9 taxing unit) ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR
10 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE"; and

11 (B) if the tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue
12 [~~effective~~] maintenance and operations rate, the following
13 statement: "THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY (INSERT
14 PERCENTAGE BY WHICH THE TAX RATE EXCEEDS THE NO-NEW-REVENUE
15 [~~EFFECTIVE~~] MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS RATE) PERCENT AND WILL RAISE
16 TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY
17 APPROXIMATELY \$(Insert amount)."

18 (c) If the governing body of a taxing unit does not adopt a
19 tax rate before the date required by Subsection (a), the tax rate
20 for the taxing unit for that tax year is the lower of the
21 no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] tax rate calculated for that tax year or
22 the tax rate adopted by the taxing unit for the preceding tax year.
23 A tax rate established by this subsection is treated as an adopted
24 tax rate. Before the fifth day after the establishment of a tax
25 rate by this subsection, the governing body of the taxing unit must
26 ratify the applicable tax rate in the manner required by Subsection
27 (b).

28 (d) The governing body of a taxing unit other than a school
29 district may not adopt a tax rate that exceeds the lower of the
30 rollback tax rate or the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] tax rate
31 calculated as provided by this chapter until the governing body has

1 held a public hearing [~~two public hearings~~] on the proposed tax rate
2 and has otherwise complied with Section 26.06 and Section 26.065.
3 The governing body of a taxing unit shall reduce a tax rate set by
4 law or by vote of the electorate to the lower of the rollback tax
5 rate or the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] tax rate and may not adopt a
6 higher rate unless it first complies with Section 26.06.

7 (d-1) The governing body of a taxing unit other than a
8 school district may not hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate
9 or a public meeting to adopt a tax rate until the fifth business day
10 after the date the chief appraiser of each appraisal district in
11 which the taxing unit participates has:

12 (1) delivered the notice required by Section
13 26.04(e-2); and

14 (2) complied with Section 26.17(f).

15 (d-2) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the governing body of
16 a taxing unit other than a school district may not adopt a tax rate
17 until the chief appraiser of each appraisal district in which the
18 taxing unit participates has complied with Subsection (d-1).

19 (e) A person who owns taxable property is entitled to an
20 injunction restraining the collection of taxes by a taxing unit in
21 which the property is taxable if the taxing unit has not complied
22 with the requirements of this section or Section 26.04 [~~and the~~
23 ~~failure to comply was not in good faith~~]. It is a defense in an
24 action for an injunction under this subsection that the failure to
25 comply was in good faith. An action to enjoin the collection of
26 taxes must be filed not later than the 15th day after the date the
27 taxing unit adopts a tax rate. A property owner is not required to
28 pay the taxes imposed by a taxing unit on the owner's property while
29 an action filed by the property owner to enjoin the collection of
30 taxes imposed by the taxing unit on the owner's property is pending.
31 If the property owner pays the taxes and subsequently prevails in

1 the action, the property owner is entitled to a refund of the taxes
2 paid, together with reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.
3 The property owner is not required to apply to the collector for the
4 taxing unit to receive the refund [~~prior to the date a taxing unit~~
5 ~~delivers substantially all of its tax bills~~].

6 (e-1) The governing body of a taxing unit that imposes an
7 additional sales and use tax may not adopt the component of the tax
8 rate of the taxing unit described by Subsection (a)(1) of this
9 section until the chief financial officer or the auditor for the
10 taxing unit submits to the governing body of the taxing unit a
11 written certification that the amount of additional sales and use
12 tax revenue that will be used to pay debt service has been deducted
13 from the total amount described by Section 26.04(e)(4)(C) as
14 required by Subsection (a)(1) of this section. The comptroller
15 shall prescribe the form of the certification required by this
16 subsection and the manner in which it is required to be submitted.

17 (g) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the governing body of a
18 school district that elects to adopt a tax rate before the adoption
19 of a budget for the fiscal year that begins in the current tax year
20 may adopt a tax rate for the current tax year before receipt of the
21 certified appraisal roll for the school district if the chief
22 appraiser of the appraisal district in which the school district
23 participates has certified to the assessor for the school district
24 an estimate of the taxable value of property in the school district
25 as provided by Section 26.01(e). If a school district adopts a tax
26 rate under this subsection, the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] tax rate
27 and the rollback tax rate of the district shall be calculated based
28 on the certified estimate of taxable value.

29 SECTION 36. Section 26.052, Tax Code, is amended by
30 amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (f) to read as
31 follows:

1 (e) Public notice provided under Subsection (c) must
2 specify:

3 (1) the tax rate that the governing body proposes to
4 adopt;

5 (2) the date, time, and location of the meeting of the
6 governing body of the taxing unit at which the governing body will
7 consider adopting the proposed tax rate; and

8 (3) if the proposed tax rate for the taxing unit
9 exceeds the taxing unit's no-new-revenue ~~[effective]~~ tax rate
10 calculated as provided by Section 26.04, a statement substantially
11 identical to the following: "The proposed tax rate would increase
12 total taxes in (name of taxing unit) by (percentage by which the
13 proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue ~~[effective]~~ tax
14 rate)."

15 (f) A taxing unit to which this section applies that elects
16 to provide public notice of its proposed tax rate under Subsection
17 (c)(2) must also provide public notice of its proposed tax rate by
18 posting notice of the proposed tax rate, including the information
19 prescribed by Subsection (e), prominently on the home page of the
20 Internet website of the taxing unit.

21 SECTION 37. Section 26.06, Tax Code, is amended by amending
22 Subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) and adding Subsections
23 (b-1), (b-2), (b-3), and (b-4) to read as follows:

24 (a) A public hearing required by Section 26.05 may not be
25 held before the seventh day after the date the notice of the public
26 hearing is given. The ~~[second hearing may not be held earlier than~~
27 ~~the third day after the date of the first hearing. Each]~~ hearing
28 must be on a weekday that is not a public holiday. The ~~[Each]~~
29 hearing must be held inside the boundaries of the unit in a publicly
30 owned building or, if a suitable publicly owned building is not
31 available, in a suitable building to which the public normally has

1 access. At the hearing [~~hearings~~], the governing body must afford
2 adequate opportunity for proponents and opponents of the tax
3 increase to present their views.

4 (b) The notice of a public hearing may not be smaller than
5 one-quarter page of a standard-size or a tabloid-size newspaper,
6 and the headline on the notice must be in 24-point or larger type.
7 [~~The notice must contain a statement in the following form:~~

8 [~~NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE~~

9 [~~"The (name of the taxing unit) will hold two public hearings
10 on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the
11 tax roll in the preceding tax year by (percentage by which proposed
12 tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate
13 calculated under this chapter) percent. Your individual taxes may
14 increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on
15 the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the
16 change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that
17 is adopted.~~

18 [~~"The first public hearing will be held on (date and time) at
19 (meeting place).~~

20 [~~"The second public hearing will be held on (date and time) at
21 (meeting place).~~

22 [~~"(Names of all members of the governing body, showing how
23 each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one
24 or more were absent, indicating the absences.)~~

25 [~~"The average taxable value of a residence homestead in (name
26 of taxing unit) last year was \$_____ (average taxable value of a
27 residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year,
28 disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to
29 disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on
30 last year's tax rate of \$_____ (preceding year's adopted tax rate)
31 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on~~

1 ~~the average home was \$_____ (tax on average taxable value of a~~
2 ~~residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year,~~
3 ~~disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to~~
4 ~~disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).~~

5 ~~["The average taxable value of a residence homestead in (name~~
6 ~~of taxing unit) this year is \$_____ (average taxable value of a~~
7 ~~residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year,~~
8 ~~disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to~~
9 ~~disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the~~
10 ~~governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$_____~~
11 ~~(effective tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes~~
12 ~~imposed this year on the average home would be \$_____ (tax on average~~
13 ~~taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the~~
14 ~~current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions~~
15 ~~available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or~~
16 ~~elder).~~

17 ~~["If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$_____~~
18 ~~(proposed tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes~~
19 ~~imposed this year on the average home would be \$_____ (tax on the~~
20 ~~average taxable value of a residence in the taxing unit for the~~
21 ~~current year disregarding residence homestead exemptions available~~
22 ~~only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).~~

23 ~~["Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings~~
24 ~~and express their views."]~~

25 (b-1) If the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue
26 tax rate and the rollback tax rate of the taxing unit, the notice
27 must contain a statement in the following form:

28 "NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE
29 "PROPOSED TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100
30 "NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100
31 "ROLLBACK TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100

1 "The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the (current
2 tax year) tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax
3 revenue for (name of taxing unit) from the same properties in both
4 the (preceding tax year) tax year and the (current tax year) tax
5 year.

6 "The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that (name of
7 taxing unit) may adopt without holding an election to ratify the
8 rate.

9 "The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax
10 rate. This means that (name of taxing unit) is proposing to
11 increase property taxes for the (current tax year) tax year.

12 "A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on
13 (date and time) at (meeting place).

14 "The proposed tax rate is also greater than the rollback tax
15 rate. If (name of taxing unit) adopts the proposed tax rate, (name
16 of taxing unit) is required to hold an election so that the voters
17 may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the
18 voters reject the proposed tax rate, the (name of taxing unit) will
19 be required to adopt a new tax rate that is not greater than the
20 rollback tax rate. The election will be held on (date of election).
21 You may contact the (name of office responsible for administering
22 the election) for information about voting locations. The hours of
23 voting on election day are (voting hours).

24 "Your taxes owed under any of the tax rates mentioned above
25 can be calculated as follows:

26 "Property tax amount = tax rate x taxable value of your
27 property / 100

28 "(Names of all members of the governing body, showing how
29 each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one
30 or more were absent, indicating the absences.)"

31 (b-2) If the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue

1 tax rate but does not exceed the rollback tax rate of the taxing
2 unit, the notice must contain a statement in the following form:

3 "NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

4 "PROPOSED TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100

5 "NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100

6 "ROLLBACK TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100

7 "The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the (current
8 tax year) tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax
9 revenue for (name of taxing unit) from the same properties in both
10 the (preceding tax year) tax year and the (current tax year) tax
11 year.

12 "The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that (name of
13 taxing unit) may adopt without holding an election to ratify the
14 rate.

15 "The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax
16 rate. This means that (name of taxing unit) is proposing to
17 increase property taxes for the (current tax year) tax year.

18 "A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on
19 (date and time) at (meeting place).

20 "The proposed tax rate is not greater than the rollback tax
21 rate. As a result, (name of taxing unit) is not required to hold an
22 election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate.
23 However, you may express your support for or opposition to the
24 proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the (name of
25 governing body) of (name of taxing unit) at their offices or by
26 attending the public hearing mentioned above.

27 "Your taxes owed under any of the tax rates mentioned above
28 can be calculated as follows:

29 "Property tax amount = tax rate x taxable value of your
30 property / 100

31 "(Names of all members of the governing body, showing how

1 each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one
2 or more were absent, indicating the absences.)"

3 (b-3) If the proposed tax rate does not exceed the
4 no-new-revenue tax rate but exceeds the rollback tax rate of the
5 taxing unit, the notice must contain a statement in the following
6 form:

7 "NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

8 "PROPOSED TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100

9 "NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100

10 "ROLLBACK TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100

11 "The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the (current
12 tax year) tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax
13 revenue for (name of taxing unit) from the same properties in both
14 the (preceding tax year) tax year and the (current tax year) tax
15 year.

16 "The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that (name of
17 taxing unit) may adopt without holding an election to ratify the
18 rate.

19 "The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue
20 tax rate. This means that (name of taxing unit) is not proposing to
21 increase property taxes for the (current tax year) tax year.

22 "A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on
23 (date and time) at (meeting place).

24 "The proposed tax rate is greater than the rollback tax rate.
25 If (name of taxing unit) adopts the proposed tax rate, (name of
26 taxing unit) is required to hold an election so that the voters may
27 accept or reject the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters
28 reject the proposed tax rate, the (name of taxing unit) will be
29 required to adopt a new tax rate that is not greater than the
30 rollback tax rate. The election will be held on (date of election).

31 You may contact the (name of office responsible for administering

1 the election) for information about voting locations. The hours of
2 voting on election day are (voting hours).

3 "Your taxes owed under any of the tax rates mentioned above
4 can be calculated as follows:

5 "Property tax amount = tax rate x taxable value of your
6 property / 100

7 "(Names of all members of the governing body, showing how
8 each voted on the proposal to consider the tax rate or, if one or
9 more were absent, indicating the absences.)"

10 (b-4) In addition to including the information described by
11 Subsection (b-1), (b-2), or (b-3), as applicable, the notice must
12 include the information described by Section 26.062.

13 (c) The notice of a public hearing under this section may be
14 delivered by mail to each property owner in the taxing unit, or may
15 be published in a newspaper. If the notice is published in a
16 newspaper, it may not be in the part of the paper in which legal
17 notices and classified advertisements appear. If the taxing unit
18 publishes the notice in a newspaper [~~operates an Internet website~~],
19 the taxing unit must also post the notice prominently on the home
20 page of the Internet website of the taxing unit [~~must be posted on~~
21 ~~the website~~] from the date the notice is first published until the
22 [~~second~~] public hearing is concluded.

23 (d) The governing body may vote on the proposed tax rate at
24 the public hearing. If the governing body does not vote on the
25 proposed tax rate at the public hearing, [~~At the public hearings~~]
26 the governing body shall announce at the public hearing the date,
27 time, and place of the meeting at which it will vote on the proposed
28 tax rate and, after the hearing, [~~After each hearing the~~
29 ~~governing body~~] shall give notice of the meeting [~~at which it will~~
30 ~~vote on the proposed tax rate and the notice shall be~~] in the same
31 form as prescribed by Subsections (b) and (c), except that the

1 notice [~~it~~] must state the following:

2 "NOTICE OF TAX REVENUE INCREASE

3 "The (name of the taxing unit) conducted a public hearing
4 [~~hearings~~] on (date of [~~first~~] hearing) [~~and (date of second~~
5 ~~hearing)~~] on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the
6 (name of the taxing unit) from properties on the tax roll in the
7 preceding year by (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds
8 lower of rollback tax rate or no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] tax rate
9 calculated under this chapter) percent.

10 "The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last
11 year's tax rate of (insert tax rate for the preceding year) for each
12 \$100 of taxable value was (insert total amount of taxes imposed in
13 the preceding year).

14 "The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the
15 proposed tax rate of (insert proposed tax rate) for each \$100 of
16 taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property
17 added to the tax roll this year, is (insert amount computed by
18 multiplying proposed tax rate by the difference between current
19 total value and new property value).

20 "The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the
21 proposed tax rate of (insert proposed tax rate) for each \$100 of
22 taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property
23 added to the tax roll this year, is (insert amount computed by
24 multiplying proposed tax rate by current total value).

25 "The (governing body of the taxing unit) is scheduled to vote
26 on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public
27 meeting to be held on (date of meeting) at (location of meeting,
28 including mailing address) at (time of meeting).

29 "The (governing body of the taxing unit) proposes to use the
30 increase in total tax revenue for the purpose of (description of
31 purpose of increase)."

1 (e) A [The] meeting to vote on the tax increase for which
2 notice is required to be provided under Subsection (d) may not be
3 held [earlier than the third day or] later than the seventh [14th]
4 day after the date of the [second] public hearing. The meeting must
5 be held inside the boundaries of the taxing unit in a publicly owned
6 building or, if a suitable publicly owned building is not
7 available, in a suitable building to which the public normally has
8 access. If the governing body does not adopt a tax rate that
9 exceeds the lower of the rollback tax rate or the no-new-revenue
10 [effective] tax rate by the seventh [14th] day, it must give a new
11 notice under Subsection (d) before it may adopt a rate that exceeds
12 the lower of the rollback tax rate or the no-new-revenue
13 [effective] tax rate.

14 SECTION 38. Chapter 26, Tax Code, is amended by adding
15 Sections 26.061 and 26.062 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 26.061. NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON PROPOSED TAX RATE
17 THAT DOES NOT EXCEED LOWER OF NO-NEW-REVENUE OR ROLLBACK TAX RATE.

18 (a) This section applies only to the governing body of a taxing
19 unit other than a school district that proposes to adopt a tax rate
20 that does not exceed the lower of the no-new-revenue tax rate or the
21 rollback tax rate calculated as provided by this chapter.

22 (b) The notice of the meeting at which the governing body of
23 the taxing unit will vote on the proposed tax rate must contain a
24 statement in the following form:

25 "NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE
26 "PROPOSED TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100
27 "NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100
28 "ROLLBACK TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100

29 "The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the (current
30 tax year) tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax
31 revenue for (name of taxing unit) from the same properties in both

1 the (preceding tax year) tax year and the (current tax year) tax
2 year.

3 "The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that (name of
4 taxing unit) may adopt without holding an election to ratify the
5 rate.

6 "The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue
7 tax rate. This means that (name of taxing unit) is not proposing to
8 increase property taxes for the (current tax year) tax year.

9 "A public meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate will be
10 held on (date and time) at (meeting place).

11 "The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the rollback
12 tax rate. As a result, (name of taxing unit) is not required to hold
13 an election to ratify the rate. However, you may express your
14 support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the
15 members of the (name of governing body) of (name of taxing unit) at
16 their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

17 "Your taxes owed under any of the above rates can be
18 calculated as follows:

19 "Property tax amount = tax rate x taxable value of your
20 property / 100

21 "(Names of all members of the governing body, showing how
22 each voted on the proposed tax rate or, if one or more were absent,
23 indicating the absences.)"

24 (c) In addition to including the information described by
25 Subsection (b), the notice must include the information described
26 by Section 26.062.

27 (d) The notice required under this section must be provided
28 in the manner required under Section 26.06(c).

29 Sec. 26.062. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN TAX
30 RATE NOTICE. (a) In addition to the information described by
31 Section 26.06(b-1), (b-2), or (b-3) or 26.061, as applicable, a

1 notice required by that provision must include at the end of the
2 notice:

3 (1) a statement in the following form:

4 "The following table compares the taxes imposed on the
5 average residence homestead by (name of taxing unit) last year to
6 the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead
7 by (name of taxing unit) this year:";

8 (2) a table in the form required by this section
9 following the statement described by Subdivision (1); and

10 (3) a statement in the following form following the
11 table:

12 (A) if the tax assessor for the taxing unit
13 maintains an Internet website: "For assistance with tax
14 calculations, please contact the tax assessor for (name of taxing
15 unit) at (telephone number) or (e-mail address), or visit (Internet
16 website address) for more information."; or

17 (B) if the tax assessor for the taxing unit does
18 not maintain an Internet website: "For assistance with tax
19 calculations, please contact the tax assessor for (name of taxing
20 unit) at (telephone number) or (e-mail address)."

21 (b) The table must contain five rows and four columns.

22 (c) The first row must appear as follows:

23 (1) the first column of the first row must be left
24 blank;

25 (2) the second column of the first row must state the
26 year corresponding to the preceding tax year;

27 (3) the third column of the first row must state the
28 year corresponding to the current tax year; and

29 (4) the fourth column of the first row must be entitled
30 "Change".

31 (d) The second row must appear as follows:

1 (1) the first column of the second row must be entitled
2 "Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)";

3 (2) the second column of the second row must state the
4 adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year;

5 (3) the third column of the second row must state the
6 proposed tax rate for the current tax year; and

7 (4) the fourth column of the second row must state the
8 nominal and percentage difference between the adopted tax rate for
9 the preceding tax year and the proposed tax rate for the current tax
10 year as follows: "(increase or decrease, as applicable) of
11 (nominal difference between tax rate stated in second column of
12 second row and tax rate stated in third column of second row) per
13 \$100, or (percentage difference between tax rate stated in second
14 column of second row and tax rate stated in third column of second
15 row)%".

16 (e) The third row must appear as follows:

17 (1) the first column of the third row must be entitled
18 "Average homestead taxable value";

19 (2) the second column of the third row must state the
20 average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit
21 for the preceding tax year;

22 (3) the third column of the third row must state the
23 average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit
24 for the current tax year; and

25 (4) the fourth column of the third row must state the
26 percentage difference between the average taxable value of a
27 residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year
28 and the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing
29 unit for the current tax year as follows: "(increase or decrease,
30 as applicable) of (percentage difference between amount stated in
31 second column of third row and amount stated in third column of

1 third row)%".

2 (f) The fourth row must appear as follows:

3 (1) the first column of the fourth row must be entitled
4 "Tax on average homestead";

5 (2) the second column of the fourth row must state the
6 amount of taxes imposed by the taxing unit in the preceding tax year
7 on a residence homestead with a taxable value equal to the average
8 taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit in the
9 preceding tax year;

10 (3) the third column of the fourth row must state the
11 amount of taxes that would be imposed by the taxing unit in the
12 current tax year on a residence homestead with a taxable value equal
13 to the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing
14 unit in the current tax year if the taxing unit adopted the proposed
15 tax rate; and

16 (4) the fourth column of the fourth row must state the
17 nominal and percentage difference between the amount of taxes
18 imposed by the taxing unit in the preceding tax year on a residence
19 homestead with a taxable value equal to the average taxable value of
20 a residence homestead in the taxing unit in the preceding tax year
21 and the amount of taxes that would be imposed by the taxing unit in
22 the current tax year on a residence homestead with a taxable value
23 equal to the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the
24 taxing unit in the current tax year if the taxing unit adopted the
25 proposed tax rate, as follows: "(increase or decrease, as
26 applicable) of (nominal difference between amount stated in second
27 column of fourth row and amount stated in third column of fourth
28 row), or (percentage difference between amount stated in second
29 column of fourth row and amount stated in third column of fourth
30 row)%".

31 (g) The fifth row must appear as follows:

1 (1) the first column of the fifth row must be entitled
2 "Total tax levy on all properties";

3 (2) the second column of the fifth row must state the
4 amount equal to last year's levy;

5 (3) the third column of the fifth row must state the
6 amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the current
7 total value and dividing the product by 100; and

8 (4) the fourth column of the fifth row must state the
9 nominal and percentage difference between the total amount of taxes
10 imposed by the taxing unit in the preceding tax year and the amount
11 that would be imposed by the taxing unit in the current tax year if
12 the taxing unit adopted the proposed tax rate, as follows:
13 "(increase or decrease, as applicable) of (nominal difference
14 between amount stated in second column of fifth row and amount
15 stated in third column of fifth row), or (percentage difference
16 between amount stated in second column of fifth row and amount
17 stated in third column of fifth row)%".

18 (h) In calculating the average taxable value of a residence
19 homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year and the
20 current tax year for purposes of Subsections (e) and (f), any
21 residence homestead exemption available only to disabled persons,
22 persons 65 years of age or older, or their surviving spouses must be
23 disregarded.

24 SECTION 39. Section 26.065(b), Tax Code, is amended to read
25 as follows:

26 (b) The [If the] taxing unit [owns, operates, or controls an
27 Internet website, the unit] shall post notice of the public hearing
28 prominently on the home page of the Internet website of the taxing
29 unit continuously for at least seven days immediately before the
30 public hearing on the proposed tax rate increase and at least seven
31 days immediately before the date of the vote proposing the increase

1 in the tax rate.

2 SECTION 40. Section 26.07, Tax Code, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 Sec. 26.07. ELECTION TO APPROVE TAX RATE OF TAXING UNIT
5 OTHER THAN SCHOOL DISTRICT [~~REPEAL INCREASE~~]. (a) This section
6 applies to [~~If the governing body of~~] a taxing unit other than a
7 school district.

8 (b) If the governing body of a taxing unit adopts a tax rate
9 that exceeds the taxing unit's rollback tax rate [~~calculated as~~
10 ~~provided by this chapter~~], the registered [~~qualified~~] voters of the
11 taxing unit at an election held for that purpose must determine
12 whether to approve the adopted tax rate. When increased
13 expenditure of money by a taxing unit is necessary to respond to a
14 disaster, including a tornado, hurricane, flood, or other calamity,
15 but not including a drought, that has impacted the taxing unit and
16 the governor has declared any part of the area in which the taxing
17 unit is located as a disaster area, an election is not required
18 under this section to approve the tax rate adopted by the governing
19 body for the year following the year in which the disaster occurs
20 [~~by petition may require that an election be held to determine~~
21 ~~whether or not to reduce the tax rate adopted for the current year~~
22 ~~to the rollback tax rate calculated as provided by this chapter~~].

23 [~~(b) A petition is valid only if:~~

24 [~~(1) it states that it is intended to require an~~
25 ~~election in the taxing unit on the question of reducing the tax rate~~
26 ~~for the current year,~~

27 [~~(2) it is signed by a number of registered voters of~~
28 ~~the taxing unit equal to at least:~~

29 [~~(A) seven percent of the number of registered~~
30 ~~voters of the taxing unit according to the most recent list of~~
31 ~~registered voters if the tax rate adopted for the current tax year~~

1 ~~would impose taxes for maintenance and operations in an amount of at~~
2 ~~least \$5 million; or~~

3 ~~[(B) 10 percent of the number of registered~~
4 ~~voters of the taxing unit according to the most recent official list~~
5 ~~of registered voters if the tax rate adopted for the current tax~~
6 ~~year would impose taxes for maintenance and operations in an amount~~
7 ~~of less than \$5 million; and~~

8 ~~[(3) it is submitted to the governing body on or before~~
9 ~~the 90th day after the date on which the governing body adopted the~~
10 ~~tax rate for the current year.]~~

11 ~~(c) The governing body [Not later than the 20th day after~~
12 ~~the day a petition is submitted, the governing body shall determine~~
13 ~~whether or not the petition is valid and pass a resolution stating~~
14 ~~its finding. If the governing body fails to act within the time~~
15 ~~allowed, the petition is treated as if it had been found valid.~~

16 ~~[(d) If the governing body finds that the petition is valid~~
17 ~~(or fails to act within the time allowed), it] shall order that the~~
18 ~~[an] election be held in the taxing unit on the uniform election~~
19 ~~date prescribed by Section 41.001, Election Code, that occurs in~~
20 ~~November of the applicable tax year. The order calling the election~~
21 ~~may not be issued later than August 15 [a date not less than 30 or~~
22 ~~more than 90 days after the last day on which it could have acted to~~
23 ~~approve or disapprove the petition. A state law requiring local~~
24 ~~elections to be held on a specified date does not apply to the~~
25 ~~election unless a specified date falls within the time permitted by~~
26 ~~this section]. At the election, the ballots shall be prepared to~~
27 ~~permit voting for or against the proposition: "Approving the ad~~
28 ~~valorem tax rate of \$_____ per \$100 valuation in (name of taxing~~
29 ~~unit) for the current year, a rate that is \$_____ higher per \$100~~
30 ~~valuation than the rollback tax rate of (name of taxing unit), for~~
31 ~~the purpose of (description of purpose of increase) ["Reducing the~~

1 ~~tax rate in (name of taxing unit) for the current year from (the~~
2 ~~rate adopted) to (the rollback tax rate calculated as provided by~~
3 ~~this chapter)]." The ballot proposition must include the adopted
4 tax rate and the difference between that rate and the rollback tax
5 rate in the appropriate places.~~

6 (d) [(e)] If a majority of the votes cast [~~qualified voters~~
7 ~~voting on the question~~] in the election favor the proposition, the
8 tax rate for the [~~taxing unit for the~~] current year is the [~~rollback~~
9 ~~tax~~] rate that was adopted by the governing body [~~calculated as~~
10 ~~provided by this chapter; otherwise, the tax rate for the current~~
11 ~~year is the one adopted by the governing body~~].

12 (e) If the proposition is not approved as provided by
13 Subsection (d), the governing body may not adopt a tax rate for the
14 taxing unit for the current year that exceeds the taxing unit's
15 rollback tax rate.

16 (f) If, [~~the tax rate is reduced by an election called under~~
17 ~~this section~~] after tax bills for the taxing unit have been [~~are~~]
18 mailed, a proposition to approve the taxing unit's adopted tax rate
19 is not approved by the voters of the taxing unit at an election held
20 under this section, on subsequent adoption of a new tax rate by the
21 governing body of the taxing unit, the assessor for the taxing unit
22 shall prepare and mail corrected tax bills. The assessor [~~He~~] shall
23 include with the bill a brief explanation of the reason for and
24 effect of the corrected bill. The date on which the taxes become
25 delinquent for the year is extended by a number of days equal to the
26 number of days between the date the first tax bills were sent and
27 the date the corrected tax bills were sent.

28 (g) If a property owner pays taxes calculated using the
29 originally adopted [~~higher~~] tax rate of the taxing unit and the
30 proposition to approve the adopted tax rate is not approved by
31 voters [~~when the rate is reduced by an election called under this~~

1 ~~section~~], the taxing unit shall refund the difference between the
2 amount of taxes paid and the amount due under the subsequently
3 adopted ~~[reduced]~~ rate if the difference between the amount of
4 taxes paid and the amount due under the subsequent ~~[reduced]~~ rate is
5 \$1 or more. If the difference between the amount of taxes paid and
6 the amount due under the subsequent ~~[reduced]~~ rate is less than \$1,
7 the taxing unit shall refund the difference on request of the
8 taxpayer. An application for a refund of less than \$1 must be made
9 within 90 days after the date the refund becomes due or the taxpayer
10 forfeits the right to the refund.

11 SECTION 41. The heading to Section 26.16, Tax Code, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Sec. 26.16. POSTING OF TAX-RELATED INFORMATION ~~[TAX RATES]~~
14 ON COUNTY'S INTERNET WEBSITE.

15 SECTION 42. Section 26.16, Tax Code, is amended by amending
16 Subsections (a) and (d) and adding Subsections (a-1), (d-1), and
17 (d-2) to read as follows:

18 (a) Each county shall maintain an Internet website. The
19 county assessor-collector for each county ~~[that maintains an~~
20 ~~Internet website]~~ shall post on the Internet website maintained by
21 ~~[of]~~ the county the following information for the most recent five
22 tax years ~~[beginning with the 2012 tax year]~~ for each taxing unit
23 all or part of the territory of which is located in the county:

- 24 (1) the adopted tax rate;
- 25 (2) the maintenance and operations rate;
- 26 (3) the debt rate;
- 27 (4) the no-new-revenue ~~[effective]~~ tax rate;
- 28 (5) the no-new-revenue ~~[effective]~~ maintenance and
29 operations rate; and
- 30 (6) the rollback tax rate.

31 (a-1) For purposes of Subsection (a), a reference to the

1 no-new-revenue tax rate or the no-new-revenue maintenance and
2 operations rate includes the equivalent effective tax rate or
3 effective maintenance and operations rate for a preceding year.
4 This subsection expires January 1, 2026.

5 (d) The county assessor-collector shall post immediately
6 below the table prescribed by Subsection (c) the following
7 statement:

8 "The county is providing this table of property tax rate
9 information as a service to the residents of the county. Each
10 individual taxing unit is responsible for calculating the property
11 tax rates listed in this table pertaining to that taxing unit and
12 providing that information to the county.

13 "The adopted tax rate is the tax rate adopted by the governing
14 body of a taxing unit.

15 "The maintenance and operations rate is the component of the
16 adopted tax rate of a taxing unit that will impose the amount of
17 taxes needed to fund maintenance and operation expenditures of the
18 taxing unit for the following year.

19 "The debt rate is the component of the adopted tax rate of a
20 taxing unit that will impose the amount of taxes needed to fund the
21 taxing unit's debt service for the following year.

22 "The no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] tax rate is the tax rate that
23 would generate the same amount of revenue in the current tax year as
24 was generated by a taxing unit's adopted tax rate in the preceding
25 tax year from property that is taxable in both the current tax year
26 and the preceding tax year.

27 "The no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] maintenance and operations
28 rate is the tax rate that would generate the same amount of revenue
29 for maintenance and operations in the current tax year as was
30 generated by a taxing unit's maintenance and operations rate in the
31 preceding tax year from property that is taxable in both the current

1 tax year and the preceding tax year.

2 "The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate a taxing unit
3 may adopt before requiring voter approval at an election. An [In
4 ~~the case of a taxing unit other than a school district, the voters~~
5 ~~by petition may require that a rollback election be held if the unit~~
6 ~~adopts a tax rate in excess of the unit's rollback tax rate. In the~~
7 ~~case of a school district, an]~~ election will automatically be held
8 if a taxing unit [the district] wishes to adopt a tax rate in excess
9 of the taxing unit's [district's] rollback tax rate."

10 (d-1) In addition to posting the information described by
11 Subsection (a), the county assessor-collector shall post on the
12 Internet website of the county for each taxing unit all or part of
13 the territory of which is located in the county:

14 (1) the tax rate calculation forms used by the
15 designated officer or employee of each taxing unit to calculate the
16 no-new-revenue and rollback tax rates of the taxing unit for the
17 most recent five tax years beginning with the 2020 tax year, as
18 certified by the designated officer or employee under Section
19 26.04(d-2); and

20 (2) the name and official contact information for each
21 member of the governing body of the taxing unit.

22 (d-2) Not later than August 1, the county
23 assessor-collector shall post on the website the tax rate
24 calculation forms described by Subsection (d-1)(1) for the current
25 tax year.

26 SECTION 43. Chapter 26, Tax Code, is amended by adding
27 Sections 26.17 and 26.18 to read as follows:

28 Sec. 26.17. DATABASE OF PROPERTY-TAX-RELATED INFORMATION.

29 (a) The chief appraiser of each appraisal district shall create and
30 maintain a property tax database that:

31 (1) is identified by the name of the county in which

1 the appraisal district is established instead of the name of the
2 appraisal district;

3 (2) contains information that is provided by
4 designated officers or employees of the taxing units that are
5 located in the appraisal district in the manner required by the
6 comptroller;

7 (3) is continuously updated as preliminary and revised
8 data become available to and are provided by the designated
9 officers or employees of taxing units;

10 (4) is accessible to the public; and

11 (5) is searchable by property address and owner,
12 except to the extent that access to the information in the database
13 is restricted by Section 25.025 or 25.026.

14 (b) The database must include, with respect to each property
15 listed on the appraisal roll for the appraisal district:

16 (1) the property's identification number;

17 (2) the property's market value;

18 (3) the property's taxable value;

19 (4) the name of each taxing unit in which the property
20 is located;

21 (5) for each taxing unit other than a school district
22 in which the property is located:

23 (A) the no-new-revenue tax rate; and

24 (B) the rollback tax rate;

25 (6) for each school district in which the property is
26 located:

27 (A) the tax rate that would maintain the same
28 amount of state and local revenue per weighted student that the
29 district received in the school year beginning in the preceding tax
30 year; and

31 (B) the rollback tax rate;

1 (7) the tax rate proposed by the governing body of each
2 taxing unit in which the property is located;

3 (8) for each taxing unit other than a school district
4 in which the property is located, the taxes that would be imposed on
5 the property if the taxing unit adopted a tax rate equal to:

6 (A) the no-new-revenue tax rate; and

7 (B) the proposed tax rate;

8 (9) for each school district in which the property is
9 located, the taxes that would be imposed on the property if the
10 district adopted a tax rate equal to:

11 (A) the tax rate that would maintain the same
12 amount of state and local revenue per weighted student that the
13 district received in the school year beginning in the preceding tax
14 year; and

15 (B) the proposed tax rate;

16 (10) for each taxing unit other than a school district
17 in which the property is located, the difference between the amount
18 calculated under Subdivision (8)(A) and the amount calculated under
19 Subdivision (8)(B);

20 (11) for each school district in which the property is
21 located, the difference between the amount calculated under
22 Subdivision (9)(A) and the amount calculated under Subdivision
23 (9)(B);

24 (12) the date, time, and location of the public
25 hearing, if applicable, on the proposed tax rate to be held by the
26 governing body of each taxing unit in which the property is located;

27 (13) the date, time, and location of the public
28 meeting, if applicable, at which the tax rate will be adopted to be
29 held by the governing body of each taxing unit in which the property
30 is located; and

31 (14) for each taxing unit in which the property is

1 located, an e-mail address at which the taxing unit is capable of
2 receiving written comments regarding the proposed tax rate of the
3 taxing unit.

4 (c) The database must provide a link to the Internet website
5 used by each taxing unit in which the property is located to post
6 the information described by Section 26.18.

7 (d) The database must allow the property owner to
8 electronically complete and submit to a taxing unit in which the
9 owner's property is located a form on which the owner may provide
10 the owner's opinion as to whether the tax rate proposed by the
11 governing body of the taxing unit should be adopted. The form must
12 require the owner to provide the owner's name and contact
13 information and the physical address of the owner's property
14 located in the taxing unit. The database must allow a property
15 owner to complete and submit the form at any time during the period
16 beginning on the date the governing body of the taxing unit proposes
17 the tax rate for that tax year and ending on the date the governing
18 body adopts a tax rate for that tax year.

19 (e) The officer or employee designated by the governing body
20 of each taxing unit in which the property is located to calculate
21 the no-new-revenue tax rate and the rollback tax rate for the taxing
22 unit must electronically incorporate into the database:

23 (1) the information described by Subsections (b)(5),
24 (6), (7), (12), and (13), as applicable, as the information becomes
25 available; and

26 (2) the tax rate calculation forms prepared under
27 Section 26.04(d-1) at the same time the designated officer or
28 employee submits the tax rates to the governing body of the taxing
29 unit under Section 26.04(e).

30 (f) The chief appraiser shall make the information
31 described by Subsection (e)(1) and the tax rate calculation forms

1 described by Subsection (e)(2) available to the public not later
2 than the third business day after the date the information and forms
3 are incorporated into the database.

4 Sec. 26.18. POSTING OF TAX RATE AND BUDGET INFORMATION BY
5 TAXING UNIT ON WEBSITE. Each taxing unit shall maintain an Internet
6 website or have access to a generally accessible Internet website
7 that may be used for the purposes of this section. Each taxing unit
8 shall post or cause to be posted on the Internet website the
9 following information in a format prescribed by the comptroller:

10 (1) the name of each member of the governing body of
11 the taxing unit;

12 (2) the mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone
13 number of the taxing unit;

14 (3) the official contact information for each member
15 of the governing body of the taxing unit, if that information is
16 different from the information described by Subdivision (2);

17 (4) the taxing unit's budget for the preceding two
18 years;

19 (5) the taxing unit's proposed or adopted budget for
20 the current year;

21 (6) the change in the amount of the taxing unit's
22 budget from the preceding year to the current year, by dollar amount
23 and percentage;

24 (7) in the case of a taxing unit other than a school
25 district, the amount of property tax revenue budgeted for
26 maintenance and operations for:

27 (A) the preceding two years; and

28 (B) the current year;

29 (8) in the case of a taxing unit other than a school
30 district, the amount of property tax revenue budgeted for debt
31 service for:

- 1 (A) the preceding two years; and
2 (B) the current year;
3 (9) the tax rate for maintenance and operations
4 adopted by the taxing unit for the preceding two years;
5 (10) in the case of a taxing unit other than a school
6 district, the tax rate for debt service adopted by the taxing unit
7 for the preceding two years;
8 (11) in the case of a school district, the interest and
9 sinking fund tax rate adopted by the district for the preceding two
10 years;
11 (12) the tax rate for maintenance and operations
12 proposed by the taxing unit for the current year;
13 (13) in the case of a taxing unit other than a school
14 district, the tax rate for debt service proposed by the taxing unit
15 for the current year;
16 (14) in the case of a school district, the interest and
17 sinking fund tax rate proposed by the district for the current year;
18 and
19 (15) the most recent financial audit of the taxing
20 unit.

21 SECTION 44. Section 31.12(b), Tax Code, is amended to read
22 as follows:

23 (b) For purposes of this section, liability for a refund
24 arises:

25 (1) if the refund is required by Section 11.431(b), on
26 the date the chief appraiser notifies the collector for the taxing
27 unit of the approval of the late homestead exemption;

28 (2) if the refund is required by Section 26.07(g), on
29 the date the subsequent tax rate is adopted [~~results of the election~~
30 ~~to reduce the tax rate are certified~~];

31 (3) if the refund is required by Section 26.15(f):

1 (A) for a correction to the tax roll made under
2 Section 26.15(b), on the date the change in the tax roll is
3 certified to the assessor for the taxing unit under Section 25.25;
4 or

5 (B) for a correction to the tax roll made under
6 Section 26.15(c), on the date the change in the tax roll is ordered
7 by the governing body of the taxing unit;

8 (4) if the refund is required by Section 31.11, on the
9 date the auditor for the taxing unit determines that the payment was
10 erroneous or excessive or, if the amount of the refund exceeds the
11 applicable amount specified by Section 31.11(a), on the date the
12 governing body of the taxing unit approves the refund;

13 (5) if the refund is required by Section 31.111, on the
14 date the collector for the taxing unit determines that the payment
15 was erroneous; or

16 (6) if the refund is required by Section 31.112, on the
17 date required by Section 31.112(d) or (e), as applicable.

18 SECTION 45. Section 41.03(a), Tax Code, is amended to read
19 as follows:

20 (a) A taxing unit is entitled to challenge before the
21 appraisal review board:

22 (1) [~~the level of appraisals of any category of~~
23 ~~property in the district or in any territory in the district, but~~
24 ~~not the appraised value of a single taxpayer's property,~~

25 [~~2~~] an exclusion of property from the appraisal
26 records;

27 (2) [~~3~~] a grant in whole or in part of a partial
28 exemption;

29 (3) [~~4~~] a determination that land qualifies for
30 appraisal as provided by Subchapter C, D, E, or H, Chapter 23; or

31 (4) [~~5~~] failure to identify the taxing unit as one

1 in which a particular property is taxable.

2 SECTION 46. Section 41.44(d), Tax Code, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 (d) A notice of protest is sufficient if it identifies the
5 protesting property owner, including a person claiming an ownership
6 interest in the property even if that person is not listed on the
7 appraisal records as an owner of the property, identifies the
8 property that is the subject of the protest, and indicates apparent
9 dissatisfaction with some determination of the appraisal office.
10 The notice need not be on an official form, but the comptroller
11 shall prescribe a form that provides for more detail about the
12 nature of the protest. The form must permit a property owner to
13 include each property in the appraisal district that is the subject
14 of a protest. The form must permit a property owner to request that
15 the protest be heard by a special panel established under Section
16 6.425 if the protest will be determined by an appraisal review board
17 to which that section applies and the property is included in a
18 classification described by Section 6.425(b). The comptroller,
19 each appraisal office, and each appraisal review board shall make
20 the forms readily available and deliver one to a property owner on
21 request.

22 SECTION 47. Section 41.45, Tax Code, is amended by amending
23 Subsection (d) and adding Subsections (d-1), (d-2), and (d-3) to
24 read as follows:

25 (d) This subsection does not apply to a special panel
26 established under Section 6.425. An appraisal review board
27 consisting of more than three members may sit in panels of not fewer
28 than three members to conduct protest hearings. [~~However, the~~
29 ~~determination of a protest heard by a panel must be made by the~~
30 ~~board.~~] If the recommendation of a panel is not accepted by the
31 board, the board may refer the matter for rehearing to a panel

1 composed of members who did not hear the original protest ~~[hearing]~~
2 or, if there are not at least three members who did not hear the
3 original protest, the board may determine the protest. ~~[Before~~
4 ~~determining a protest or conducting a rehearing before a new panel~~
5 ~~or the board, the board shall deliver notice of the hearing or~~
6 ~~meeting to determine the protest in accordance with the provisions~~
7 ~~of this subchapter.]~~

8 (d-1) An appraisal review board to which Section 6.425
9 applies shall sit in special panels established under that section
10 to conduct protest hearings. A special panel may conduct a protest
11 hearing relating to property only if the property is described by
12 Section 6.425(b) and the property owner has requested that a
13 special panel conduct the hearing or if the protest is assigned to
14 the special panel under Section 6.425(f). If the recommendation of
15 a special panel is not accepted by the board, the board may refer
16 the matter for rehearing to another special panel composed of
17 members who did not hear the original protest or, if there are not
18 at least three other special panel members who did not hear the
19 original protest, the board may determine the protest.

20 (d-2) The determination of a protest heard by a panel under
21 Subsection (d) or (d-1) must be made by the board.

22 (d-3) The board must deliver notice of a hearing or meeting
23 to determine a protest heard by a panel, or to rehear a protest,
24 under Subsection (d) or (d-1) in accordance with the provisions of
25 this subchapter.

26 SECTION 48. Section 41.46(a), Tax Code, is amended to read
27 as follows:

28 (a) The appraisal review board before which a protest
29 hearing is scheduled shall deliver written notice to the property
30 owner initiating a protest not later than the 15th day before the
31 date of the hearing. The notice must include:

1 (1) ~~[of]~~ the date, time, and place of ~~[fixed for]~~ the
2 hearing;

3 (2) a description of the subject matter of the hearing
4 that is sufficient to identify the specific action being protested,
5 such as:

6 (A) the determination of the appraised value of
7 the property owner's property;

8 (B) the denial to the property owner in whole or
9 in part of a partial exemption; or

10 (C) the determination that the property owner's
11 land does not qualify for appraisal as provided by Subchapter C, D,
12 E, or H, Chapter 23; and

13 (3) a statement that ~~[on the protest and of]~~ the
14 property owner is entitled ~~[owner's entitlement]~~ to a postponement
15 of the hearing as provided by Section 41.45 unless the property
16 owner waives in writing notice of the hearing. ~~[The board shall~~
17 ~~deliver the notice not later than the 15th day before the date of~~
18 ~~the hearing.]~~

19 SECTION 49. Section 41.461, Tax Code, is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 Sec. 41.461. NOTICE OF CERTAIN MATTERS BEFORE HEARING;
22 DELIVERY OF REQUESTED INFORMATION. (a) At least 14 days before a
23 hearing on a protest, the chief appraiser shall:

24 (1) deliver a copy of the pamphlet prepared by the
25 comptroller under Section 5.06 ~~[5.06(a)]~~ to the property owner
26 initiating the protest ~~[if the owner is representing himself]~~, or
27 to an agent representing the owner if requested by the agent;

28 (2) inform the property owner that the owner or the
29 agent of the owner is entitled on request to ~~[may inspect and may~~
30 ~~obtain]~~ a copy of the data, schedules, formulas, and all other
31 information the chief appraiser will ~~[plans to]~~ introduce at the

1 hearing to establish any matter at issue; and

2 (3) deliver a copy of the hearing procedures
3 established by the appraisal review board under Section 41.66 to
4 the property owner.

5 (b) The chief appraiser may not charge a property owner or
6 the designated agent of the owner for copies provided to the [an]
7 owner or designated agent under this section, regardless of the
8 manner in which the copies are prepared or delivered [may not exceed
9 the charge for copies of public information as provided under
10 Subchapter F, Chapter 552, Government Code, except:

11 [~~(1) the total charge for copies provided in~~
12 ~~connection with a protest of the appraisal of residential property~~
13 ~~may not exceed \$15 for each residence; and~~

14 [~~(2) the total charge for copies provided in~~
15 ~~connection with a protest of the appraisal of a single unit of~~
16 ~~property subject to appraisal, other than residential property, may~~
17 ~~not exceed \$25].~~

18 (c) A chief appraiser shall deliver information requested
19 by a property owner or the agent of the owner under Subsection
20 (a)(2):

21 (1) by regular first-class mail, deposited in the
22 United States mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the property
23 owner or agent at the address provided in the request for the
24 information;

25 (2) in an electronic format as provided by an
26 agreement under Section 1.085; or

27 (3) subject to Subsection (d), by referring the
28 property owner or the agent of the owner to a secure Internet
29 website with user registration and authentication or to the exact
30 Internet location or uniform resource locator (URL) address on an
31 Internet website maintained by the appraisal district on which the

1 requested information is identifiable and readily available.

2 (d) If a chief appraiser provides a property owner or the
3 designated agent of the owner information under Subsection (c)(3),
4 the notice must contain a statement in a conspicuous font that
5 clearly indicates that the property owner or the agent of the owner
6 may on request receive the information by regular first-class mail
7 or in person at the appraisal office. On request by a property
8 owner or the agent of the owner, the chief appraiser must provide
9 the information by regular first-class mail or in person at the
10 appraisal office.

11 SECTION 50. Section 41.47, Tax Code, is amended by adding
12 Subsections (c-2) and (f) and amending Subsections (d) and (e) to
13 read as follows:

14 (c-2) The board may not determine the appraised value of the
15 property that is the subject of a protest to be an amount greater
16 than the appraised value of the property as shown in the appraisal
17 records submitted to the board by the chief appraiser under Section
18 25.22 or 25.23. This subsection does not apply if the action being
19 protested is the cancellation, modification, or denial of an
20 exemption or the determination that the property does not qualify
21 for appraisal as provided by Subchapter C, D, E, or H, Chapter 23.

22 (d) The board shall deliver by certified mail:

23 (1) a notice of issuance of the order and a copy of the
24 order to the property owner and the chief appraiser; and

25 (2) a copy of the appraisal review board survey form
26 prepared under Section 5.104 and instructions for completing and
27 submitting the form to the property owner.

28 (e) The notice of the issuance of the order must contain a
29 prominently printed statement in upper-case bold lettering
30 informing the property owner in clear and concise language of the
31 property owner's right to appeal the order of the board [~~board's~~

1 ~~decision~~] to district court. The statement must describe the
2 deadline prescribed by Section 42.06(a) [~~of this code~~] for filing a
3 written notice of appeal[~~7~~] and the deadline prescribed by Section
4 42.21(a) [~~of this code~~] for filing the petition for review with the
5 district court.

6 (f) The appraisal review board shall take the actions
7 required by Subsections (a) and (d) not later than:

8 (1) the 30th day after the date the hearing on the
9 protest is concluded, if the board is established for an appraisal
10 district located in a county with a population of less than four
11 million; or

12 (2) the 45th day after the date the hearing on the
13 protest is concluded, if the board is established for an appraisal
14 district located in a county with a population of four million or
15 more.

16 SECTION 51. Section 41.66, Tax Code, is amended by amending
17 Subsections (h), (i), (j), and (k) and adding Subsections (j-1),
18 (k-1), and (p) to read as follows:

19 (h) The appraisal review board shall postpone a hearing on a
20 protest if the property owner or the designated agent of the owner
21 requests additional time to prepare for the hearing and establishes
22 to the board that the chief appraiser failed to comply with Section
23 41.461. The board is not required to postpone a hearing more than
24 one time under this subsection.

25 (i) A hearing on a protest filed by a property owner or the
26 designated agent of the owner [~~who is not represented by an agent~~
27 ~~designated under Section 1.111~~] shall be set for a time and date
28 certain. If the hearing is not commenced within two hours of the
29 time set for the hearing, the appraisal review board shall postpone
30 the hearing on the request of the property owner or the designated
31 agent of the owner.

1 (j) On the request of a property owner or the [a] designated
2 agent of the owner, an appraisal review board shall schedule
3 hearings on protests concerning up to 20 designated properties to
4 be held consecutively on the same day. The designated properties
5 must be identified in the same notice of protest, and the notice
6 must contain in boldfaced type the statement "request for same-day
7 protest hearings." A property owner or the designated agent of the
8 owner may [~~not~~] file more than one request under this subsection
9 with the appraisal review board in the same tax year. The appraisal
10 review board may schedule hearings on protests concerning more than
11 20 properties filed by the same property owner or the designated
12 agent of the owner and may use different panels to conduct the
13 hearings based on the board's customary scheduling. The appraisal
14 review board may follow the practices customarily used by the board
15 in the scheduling of hearings under this subsection.

16 (j-1) An appraisal review board may schedule the hearings on
17 all protests filed by a property owner or the designated agent of
18 the owner to be held consecutively. The notice of the hearings must
19 state the date and time that the first hearing will begin, state the
20 date the last hearing will end, and list the order in which the
21 hearings will be held. The order of the hearings listed in the
22 notice may not be changed without the agreement of the property
23 owner or the designated agent of the owner, the chief appraiser, and
24 the appraisal review board. The board may not reschedule a hearing
25 for which notice is given under this subsection to a date earlier
26 than the seventh day after the date the last hearing was scheduled
27 to end unless agreed to by the property owner or the designated
28 agent of the owner, the chief appraiser, and the appraisal review
29 board. Unless agreed to by the parties, the board must provide
30 written notice of the date and time of the rescheduled hearing to
31 the property owner or the designated agent of the owner not later

1 than the seventh day before the date of the hearing.

2 (k) This subsection does not apply to a special panel
3 established under Section 6.425. If an appraisal review board sits
4 in panels to conduct protest hearings, protests shall be randomly
5 assigned to panels, except that the board may consider the type of
6 property subject to the protest or the ground of the protest for the
7 purpose of using the expertise of a particular panel in hearing
8 protests regarding particular types of property or based on
9 particular grounds. If a protest is scheduled to be heard by a
10 particular panel, the protest may not be reassigned to another
11 panel without the consent of the property owner or the designated
12 agent of the owner. If the appraisal review board has cause to
13 reassign a protest to another panel, a property owner or the
14 designated agent of the owner may agree to reassignment of the
15 protest or may request that the hearing on the protest be postponed.
16 The board shall postpone the hearing on that request. A change of
17 members of a panel because of a conflict of interest, illness, or
18 inability to continue participating in hearings for the remainder
19 of the day does not constitute reassignment of a protest to another
20 panel.

21 (k-1) On the request of a property owner or the designated
22 agent of the owner, an appraisal review board to which Section 6.425
23 applies shall assign a protest relating to property described by
24 Section 6.425(b) to a special panel. In addition, the chairman of
25 the appraisal review board may assign a protest relating to
26 property not described by Section 6.425(b) to a special panel as
27 authorized by Section 6.425(f), but only if the assignment is
28 requested or consented to by the property owner or the designated
29 agent of the owner. Protests assigned to special panels shall be
30 randomly assigned to those panels. If a protest is scheduled to be
31 heard by a particular special panel, the protest may not be

1 reassigned to another special panel without the consent of the
2 property owner or the designated agent of the owner. If the board
3 has cause to reassign a protest to another special panel, a property
4 owner or the designated agent of the owner may agree to reassignment
5 of the protest or may request that the hearing on the protest be
6 postponed. The board shall postpone the hearing on that request. A
7 change of members of a special panel because of a conflict of
8 interest, illness, or inability to continue participating in
9 hearings for the remainder of the day does not constitute
10 reassignment of a protest to another special panel.

11 (p) At the end of a hearing on a protest, the appraisal
12 review board shall provide the property owner or the designated
13 agent of the owner one or more documents indicating that the members
14 of the board hearing the protest signed the affidavit required by
15 Subsection (g).

16 SECTION 52. Section 41.67(d), Tax Code, is amended to read
17 as follows:

18 (d) Information that was previously requested under Section
19 41.461 by the protesting party that was not delivered [~~made~~
20 ~~available~~] to the protesting party at least 14 days before the
21 scheduled or postponed hearing may not be used or offered in any
22 form as evidence in the hearing, including as a document or through
23 argument or testimony. This subsection does not apply to
24 information offered to rebut evidence or argument presented at the
25 hearing by the protesting party or that party's designated agent.

26 SECTION 53. Section 41.71, Tax Code, is amended to read as
27 follows:

28 Sec. 41.71. EVENING AND WEEKEND HEARINGS. (a) An
29 appraisal review board by rule shall provide for hearings on
30 protests [~~in the evening or~~] on a Saturday or after 5 p.m. on a
31 weekday [~~Sunday~~].

1 (b) The board may not schedule:

2 (1) the first hearing on a protest held on a weekday
3 evening to begin after 7 p.m.; or

4 (2) a hearing on a protest on a Sunday.

5 SECTION 54. Section 41A.06(b), Tax Code, is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (b) To initially qualify to serve as an arbitrator under
8 this chapter, a person must:

9 (1) meet the following requirements, as applicable:

10 (A) be licensed as an attorney in this state; or

11 (B) have:

12 (i) completed at least 30 hours of training
13 in arbitration and alternative dispute resolution procedures from a
14 university, college, or legal or real estate trade association; and

15 (ii) been licensed or certified
16 continuously during the five years preceding the date the person
17 agrees to serve as an arbitrator as:

18 (a) a real estate broker or sales
19 agent under Chapter 1101, Occupations Code;

20 (b) a real estate appraiser under
21 Chapter 1103, Occupations Code; or

22 (c) a certified public accountant
23 under Chapter 901, Occupations Code; ~~and~~

24 (2) complete the courses for training and education of
25 appraisal review board members established under Sections 5.041(a)
26 and (e-1) and be issued a certificate for each course indicating
27 course completion;

28 (3) complete the training program on property tax law
29 for the training and education of arbitrators established under
30 Section 5.043; and

31 (4) agree to conduct an arbitration for a fee that is

1 not more than:

2 (A) \$400, if the property qualifies as the
3 owner's residence homestead under Section 11.13 and the appraised
4 or market value, as applicable, of the property is \$500,000 or less,
5 as determined by the order;

6 (B) \$450, if the property qualifies as the
7 owner's residence homestead under Section 11.13 and the appraised
8 or market value, as applicable, of the property is more than
9 \$500,000, as determined by the order;

10 (C) \$450, if the property does not qualify as the
11 owner's residence homestead under Section 11.13 and the appraised
12 or market value, as applicable, of the property is \$1 million or
13 less, as determined by the order;

14 (D) \$750, if the property does not qualify as the
15 owner's residence homestead under Section 11.13 and the appraised
16 or market value, as applicable, of the property is more than \$1
17 million but not more than \$2 million, as determined by the order;

18 (E) \$1,000, if the property does not qualify as
19 the owner's residence homestead under Section 11.13 and the
20 appraised or market value, as applicable, of the property is more
21 than \$2 million but not more than \$3 million, as determined by the
22 order; or

23 (F) \$1,500, if the property does not qualify as
24 the owner's residence homestead under Section 11.13 and the
25 appraised or market value, as applicable, of the property is more
26 than \$3 million but not more than \$5 million, as determined by the
27 order.

28 SECTION 55. Sections 41A.061(b) and (c), Tax Code, are
29 amended to read as follows:

30 (b) To renew the person's agreement to serve as an
31 arbitrator, the person must:

1 (1) file a renewal application with the comptroller at
2 the time and in the manner prescribed by the comptroller;

3 (2) continue to meet the requirements provided by
4 Sections 41A.06(b)(1) and (4) [Section 41A.06(b)]; and

5 (3) during the preceding two years have completed at
6 least eight hours of continuing education in arbitration and
7 alternative dispute resolution procedures offered by a university,
8 college, real estate trade association, or legal association.

9 (c) The comptroller shall remove a person from the registry
10 if:

11 (1) the person fails or declines to renew the person's
12 agreement to serve as an arbitrator in the manner required by this
13 section; ~~or~~

14 (2) the comptroller determines by clear and convincing
15 evidence that there is good cause to remove the person from the
16 registry, including evidence of repeated bias or misconduct by the
17 person while acting as an arbitrator; or

18 (3) the person fails to complete a revised training
19 program on property tax law for the training and education of
20 arbitrators established under Section 5.043 not later than the
21 120th day after the date the program is available to be taken if the
22 comptroller:

23 (A) revises the program after the person is
24 included in the registry; and

25 (B) certifies that the program is substantially
26 revised.

27 SECTION 56. Section 41A.07, Tax Code, is amended by
28 amending Subsections (e), (f), and (g) and adding Subsection (h) to
29 read as follows:

30 (e) To be eligible for appointment as an arbitrator under
31 this section [Subsection (a)], the arbitrator must reside~~+~~

1 ~~[(1) in the county in which the property that is the~~
2 ~~subject of the appeal is located; or~~

3 ~~[(2)] in this state [if no available arbitrator on the~~
4 ~~registry resides in that county].~~

5 (f) A person is not eligible for appointment as an
6 arbitrator under this section ~~[Subsection (a)]~~ if at any time
7 during the preceding five years, the person has:

8 (1) represented a person for compensation in a
9 proceeding under this title in the appraisal district in which the
10 property that is the subject of the appeal is located;

11 (2) served as an officer or employee of that appraisal
12 district; or

13 (3) served as a member of the appraisal review board
14 for that appraisal district.

15 (g) The comptroller may not appoint an arbitrator under this
16 section ~~[Subsection (a)]~~ if the comptroller determines that there
17 is good cause not to appoint the arbitrator, including information
18 or evidence indicating repeated bias or misconduct by the person
19 while acting as an arbitrator.

20 (h) A property owner may request that, in appointing an
21 initial arbitrator under this section, the comptroller appoint an
22 arbitrator who resides in the county in which the property that is
23 the subject of the appeal is located or an arbitrator who resides
24 outside that county. In appointing an initial arbitrator under
25 Subsection (a), the comptroller shall comply with the request of
26 the property owner unless the property owner requests that the
27 comptroller appoint an arbitrator who resides in the county in
28 which the property that is the subject of the appeal is located and
29 there is not an available arbitrator who resides in that county. In
30 appointing a substitute arbitrator under Subsection (d), the
31 comptroller shall consider but is not required to comply with the

1 request of the property owner. This subsection does not authorize a
2 property owner to request the appointment of a specific individual
3 as an arbitrator.

4 SECTION 57. Section 41A.09(b), Tax Code, is amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (b) An award under this section:

7 (1) must include a determination of the appraised or
8 market value, as applicable, of the property that is the subject of
9 the appeal;

10 (2) may include any remedy or relief a court may order
11 under Chapter 42 in an appeal relating to the appraised or market
12 value of property;

13 (3) shall specify the arbitrator's fee, which may not
14 exceed the amount provided by Section 41A.06(b)(4) [~~41A.06(b)(2)~~];

15 (4) is final and may not be appealed except as
16 permitted under Section 171.088, Civil Practice and Remedies Code,
17 for an award subject to that section; and

18 (5) may be enforced in the manner provided by
19 Subchapter D, Chapter 171, Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

20 SECTION 58. Section 45.105(e), Education Code, is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 (e) The governing body of an independent school district
23 that governs a junior college district under Subchapter B, Chapter
24 130, in a county with a population of more than two million may
25 dedicate a specific percentage of the local tax levy to the use of
26 the junior college district for facilities and equipment or for the
27 maintenance and operating expenses of the junior college district.
28 To be effective, the dedication must be made by the governing body
29 on or before the date on which the governing body adopts its tax
30 rate for a year. The amount of local tax funds derived from the
31 percentage of the local tax levy dedicated to a junior college

1 district from a tax levy may not exceed the amount that would be
2 levied by five percent of the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] tax rate
3 for the tax year calculated as provided by Section 26.04, Tax Code,
4 on all property taxable by the school district. All real property
5 purchased with these funds is the property of the school district,
6 but is subject to the exclusive control of the governing body of the
7 junior college district for as long as the junior college district
8 uses the property for educational purposes.

9 SECTION 59. Section 403.302, Government Code, is amended by
10 adding Subsections (k) and (k-1) and amending Subsection (o) to
11 read as follows:

12 (k) If the comptroller determines in the study that the
13 school district's local value as determined by the appraisal
14 district that appraises property for the school district is not
15 valid, the comptroller shall provide notice of the comptroller's
16 determination to the board of directors of the appraisal district.
17 The board of directors of the appraisal district shall hold a public
18 meeting to discuss the receipt of notice under this subsection.

19 (k-1) If the comptroller determines in the study that the
20 school district's local value as determined by the appraisal
21 district that appraises property for the school district is not
22 valid for three consecutive years, the comptroller shall conduct an
23 additional review of the appraisal district under Section 5.102,
24 Tax Code, and provide recommendations to the appraisal district.
25 The comptroller may contract with a third party to assist the
26 comptroller in conducting the additional review and providing the
27 recommendations required under this subsection. If the appraisal
28 district fails to comply with the recommendations provided under
29 this subsection and the comptroller finds that the board of
30 directors of the appraisal district failed to take remedial action
31 reasonably designed to ensure substantial compliance with each

1 recommendation before the first anniversary of the date the
2 recommendations were made, the comptroller shall notify the Texas
3 Department of Licensing and Regulation, or a successor to the
4 department, which shall take action necessary to ensure that the
5 recommendations are implemented as soon as practicable. Before
6 February 1 of the year following the year in which the Texas
7 Department of Licensing and Regulation, or a successor to the
8 department, takes action under this subsection, the department,
9 with the assistance of the comptroller, shall determine whether the
10 recommendations have been substantially implemented and notify the
11 board of directors of the appraisal district of the determination.
12 If the department determines that the recommendations have not been
13 substantially implemented, the board of directors of the appraisal
14 district must, within three months of the determination, consider
15 whether the failure to implement the recommendations was under the
16 current chief appraiser's control and whether the chief appraiser
17 is able to adequately perform the chief appraiser's duties.

18 (o) The comptroller shall adopt rules governing the conduct
19 of the study after consultation with the comptroller's property tax
20 administration advisory board [~~Comptroller's Property Value Study~~
21 ~~Advisory Committee~~].

22 SECTION 60. Section 102.007(d), Local Government Code, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (d) An adopted budget must contain a cover page that
25 includes:

26 (1) one of the following statements in 18-point or
27 larger type that accurately describes the adopted budget:

28 (A) "This budget will raise more revenue from
29 property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of (insert total
30 dollar amount of increase), which is a (insert percentage increase)
31 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue

1 to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is
2 (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the
3 value of new property added to the roll).";

4 (B) "This budget will raise less revenue from
5 property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of (insert total
6 dollar amount of decrease), which is a (insert percentage decrease)
7 percent decrease from last year's budget. The property tax revenue
8 to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is
9 (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the
10 value of new property added to the roll)."; or

11 (C) "This budget will raise the same amount of
12 revenue from property taxes as last year's budget. The property tax
13 revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this
14 year is (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax
15 rate by the value of new property added to the roll).";

16 (2) the record vote of each member of the governing
17 body by name voting on the adoption of the budget;

18 (3) the municipal property tax rates for the preceding
19 fiscal year, and each municipal property tax rate that has been
20 adopted or calculated for the current fiscal year, including:

21 (A) the property tax rate;

22 (B) the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] tax rate;

23 (C) the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] maintenance
24 and operations tax rate;

25 (D) the rollback tax rate; and

26 (E) the debt rate; and

27 (4) the total amount of municipal debt obligations.

28 SECTION 61. Section 111.008(d), Local Government Code, is
29 amended to read as follows:

30 (d) An adopted budget must contain a cover page that
31 includes:

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
23 commissioners court by name voting on the adoption of the budget;

24 (3) the county property tax rates for the preceding
25 fiscal year, and each county property tax rate that has been adopted
26 or calculated for the current fiscal year, including:

27 (A) the property tax rate;

28 (B) the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] tax rate;

29 (C) the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] maintenance
30 and operations tax rate;

31 (D) the rollback tax rate; and

1 (E) the debt rate; and

2 (4) the total amount of county debt obligations.

3 SECTION 62. Section 111.039(d), Local Government Code, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (d) An adopted budget must contain a cover page that
6 includes:

7 (1) one of the following statements in 18-point or
8 larger type that accurately describes the adopted budget:

9 (A) "This budget will raise more revenue from
10 property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of (insert total
11 dollar amount of increase), which is a (insert percentage increase)
12 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue
13 to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is
14 (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the
15 value of new property added to the roll).";

16 (B) "This budget will raise less revenue from
17 property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of (insert total
18 dollar amount of decrease), which is a (insert percentage decrease)
19 percent decrease from last year's budget. The property tax revenue
20 to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is
21 (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the
22 value of new property added to the roll)."; or

23 (C) "This budget will raise the same amount of
24 revenue from property taxes as last year's budget. The property tax
25 revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this
26 year is (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax
27 rate by the value of new property added to the roll).";

28 (2) the record vote of each member of the
29 commissioners court by name voting on the adoption of the budget;

30 (3) the county property tax rates for the preceding
31 fiscal year, and each county property tax rate that has been adopted

1 or calculated for the current fiscal year, including:

- 2 (A) the property tax rate;
- 3 (B) the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] tax rate;
- 4 (C) the no-new-revenue [~~effective~~] maintenance
5 and operations tax rate;
- 6 (D) the rollback tax rate; and
- 7 (E) the debt rate; and
- 8 (4) the total amount of county debt obligations.

9 SECTION 63. Section 111.068(c), Local Government Code, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 (c) An adopted budget must contain a cover page that
12 includes:

13 (1) one of the following statements in 18-point or
14 larger type that accurately describes the adopted budget:

15 (A) "This budget will raise more revenue from
16 property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of (insert total
17 dollar amount of increase), which is a (insert percentage increase)
18 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue
19 to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is
20 (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the
21 value of new property added to the roll).";

22 (B) "This budget will raise less revenue from
23 property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of (insert total
24 dollar amount of decrease), which is a (insert percentage decrease)
25 percent decrease from last year's budget. The property tax revenue
26 to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is
27 (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the
28 value of new property added to the roll)."; or

29 (C) "This budget will raise the same amount of
30 revenue from property taxes as last year's budget. The property tax
31 revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this

1 year is (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax
2 rate by the value of new property added to the roll).";

3 (2) the record vote of each member of the
4 commissioners court by name voting on the adoption of the budget;

5 (3) the county property tax rates for the preceding
6 fiscal year, and each county property tax rate that has been adopted
7 or calculated for the current fiscal year, including:

8 (A) the property tax rate;

9 (B) the no-new-revenue ~~[effective]~~ tax rate;

10 (C) the no-new-revenue ~~[effective]~~ maintenance
11 and operations tax rate;

12 (D) the rollback tax rate; and

13 (E) the debt rate; and

14 (4) the total amount of county debt obligations.

15 SECTION 64. Section 1101.254(f), Special District Local
16 Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

17 (f) This section does not affect the applicability of ~~[any~~
18 ~~rights district voters may have to petition for an election under]~~
19 Section 26.07, Tax Code, to the district's tax rate, except that if
20 district voters approve a tax rate increase under this section,
21 ~~[the voters may not petition for an election under]~~ Section 26.07,
22 Tax Code, does not apply ~~[as]~~ to the tax rate for that year.

23 SECTION 65. Sections 1122.2522 and 8876.152, Special
24 District Local Laws Code, are amended to read as follows:

25 Sec. 1122.2522. ROLLBACK TAX RATE PROVISIONS APPLICABLE.
26 ~~[(a)]~~ If in any year the board adopts a tax rate that exceeds the
27 rollback tax rate calculated as provided by Chapter 26, Tax Code,
28 ~~[the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that]~~
29 an election under Section 26.07 of that code must be held to
30 determine whether or not to approve ~~[reduce]~~ the tax rate adopted by
31 the board for that year ~~[to the rollback tax rate]~~.

1 ~~[(b) To the extent a conflict exists between this section~~
2 ~~and a provision of the Tax Code, the provision of the Tax Code~~
3 ~~prevails.]~~

4 Sec. 8876.152. APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN TAX PROVISIONS.

5 (a) Sections 26.04, 26.05, 26.06, 26.061, and 26.07, Tax Code, do
6 not apply to a tax imposed by the district.

7 (b) Sections 49.236(a)(1) and (2) and (b) [Section 49.236],
8 Water Code, apply [as added by Chapter 248 (H.B. 1541), Acts of the
9 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, applies] to the district.

10 SECTION 66. Section 49.107(g), Water Code, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (g) Sections 26.04, 26.05, 26.061, and 26.07, Tax Code, do
13 not apply to a tax levied and collected under this section or an ad
14 valorem tax levied and collected for the payment of the interest on
15 and principal of bonds issued by a district.

16 SECTION 67. Section 49.108(f), Water Code, is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (f) Sections 26.04, 26.05, 26.061, and 26.07, Tax Code, do
19 not apply to a tax levied and collected for payments made under a
20 contract approved in accordance with this section.

21 SECTION 68. Sections 49.236(a) and (d), Water Code, as
22 added by Chapter 335 (S.B. 392), Acts of the 78th Legislature,
23 Regular Session, 2003, are amended to read as follows:

24 (a) Before the board adopts an ad valorem tax rate for the
25 district for debt service, operation and maintenance purposes, or
26 contract purposes, the board shall give notice of each meeting of
27 the board at which the adoption of a tax rate will be considered.

28 The notice must:

29 (1) contain a statement in substantially the following
30 form:

1 "NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

2 "The (name of the district) will hold a public hearing on a
3 proposed tax rate for the tax year (year of tax levy) on (date and
4 time) at (meeting place). Your individual taxes may increase at a
5 greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate
6 that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your
7 property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other
8 property [and the tax rate that is adopted]. The change in the
9 taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the
10 taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of
11 the tax burden among all property owners.

12 "(Names of all board members and, if a vote was taken, an
13 indication of how each voted on the proposed tax rate and an
14 indication of any absences.)";

15 (2) contain the following information:

16 (A) the district's total adopted tax rate for the
17 preceding year and the proposed tax rate, expressed as an amount per
18 \$100;

19 (B) the difference, expressed as an amount per
20 \$100 and as a percent increase or decrease, as applicable, in the
21 proposed tax rate compared to the adopted tax rate for the preceding
22 year;

23 (C) the average appraised value of a residence
24 homestead in the district in the preceding year and in the current
25 year; the district's total homestead exemption, other than an
26 exemption available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of
27 age or older, applicable to that appraised value in each of those
28 years; and the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the
29 district in each of those years, disregarding any homestead
30 exemption available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of
31 age or older;

1 (D) the amount of tax that would have been
2 imposed by the district in the preceding year on a residence
3 homestead appraised at the average appraised value of a residence
4 homestead in that year, disregarding any homestead exemption
5 available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or
6 older;

7 (E) the amount of tax that would be imposed by the
8 district in the current year on a residence homestead appraised at
9 the average appraised value of a residence homestead in that year,
10 disregarding any homestead exemption available only to disabled
11 persons or persons 65 years of age or older, if the proposed tax
12 rate is adopted; ~~and~~

13 (F) the difference between the amounts of tax
14 calculated under Paragraphs (D) and (E), expressed in dollars and
15 cents and described as the annual percentage increase or decrease,
16 as applicable, in the tax to be imposed by the district on the
17 average residence homestead in the district in the current year if
18 the proposed tax rate is adopted; and

19 (G) if the proposed combined debt service,
20 operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate exceeds the
21 rollback tax rate, a description of the purpose of the proposed tax
22 increase; and

23 (3) contain a statement in substantially the following
24 form:

25 "NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE ~~[TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION]~~

26 "If operation and maintenance taxes on the average residence
27 homestead increase by more than six ~~[eight]~~ percent, ~~[the qualified~~
28 ~~voters of the district by petition may require that]~~ an election
29 must be held to determine whether to approve ~~[reduce]~~ the operation
30 and maintenance tax rate ~~[to the rollback tax rate]~~ under Section
31 49.236(d), Water Code."

1 (d) If the governing body of a district adopts a combined
2 debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that
3 exceeds the rollback tax rate, [~~would impose more than 1.08 times~~
4 ~~the amount of tax imposed by the district in the preceding year on a~~
5 ~~residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value of a~~
6 ~~residence homestead in the district in that year, disregarding any~~
7 ~~homestead exemption available only to disabled persons or persons~~
8 ~~65 years of age or older, the qualified voters of the district by~~
9 ~~petition may require that~~] an election must be held to determine
10 whether [~~or not~~] to approve [~~reduce~~] the tax rate adopted for the
11 current year [~~to the rollback tax rate~~] in accordance with the
12 procedures provided by Sections 26.07(b)-(g) [~~and 26.081~~], Tax
13 Code. For purposes of Sections 26.07(b)-(g), Tax Code, and this
14 section [~~subsection~~], the rollback tax rate is the sum of the
15 following tax rates:

- 16 (1) the current year's debt service tax rate;
- 17 (2) the current year's [~~and~~] contract tax rate;
- 18 (3) [~~rates plus~~] the operation and maintenance tax
19 rate that would impose 1.06 [~~1.08~~] times the amount of the operation
20 and maintenance tax imposed by the district in the preceding year on
21 a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value of a
22 residence homestead in the district in that year, disregarding any
23 homestead exemption available only to disabled persons or persons
24 65 years of age or older;
- 25 (4) the district's revenue enrichment rate, as defined
26 by Section 26.012, Tax Code; and
- 27 (5) the district's unused increment rate, as defined
28 by Section 26.012, Tax Code.

29 SECTION 69. The following provisions are repealed:

- 30 (1) Sections 403.302(m-1) and (n), Government Code;
- 31 (2) Section 140.010, Local Government Code;

1 (3) Section 1063.255, Special District Local Laws
2 Code;

3 (4) Sections 5.103(e) and (f), 6.412(e), 22.23(c), and
4 41A.06(c), Tax Code;

5 (5) Section 49.236, Water Code, as added by Chapter
6 248 (H.B. 1541), Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session,
7 2003; and

8 (6) Section 49.2361, Water Code.

9 SECTION 70. Section 5.041, Tax Code, as amended by this Act,
10 applies only to an appraisal review board member appointed to serve
11 a term of office that begins on or after January 1, 2020.

12 SECTION 71. The comptroller of public accounts shall
13 implement Section 5.043, Tax Code, as added by this Act, as soon as
14 practicable after January 1, 2020.

15 SECTION 72. Sections 5.05, 5.102, 5.13, and 23.01, Tax
16 Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to the appraisal of
17 property for ad valorem tax purposes for a tax year beginning on or
18 after January 1, 2020.

19 SECTION 73. (a) The comptroller of public accounts shall
20 comply with Sections 5.07(f), (g), (h), and (i), Tax Code, as added
21 by this Act, as soon as practicable after January 1, 2020.

22 (b) The comptroller of public accounts shall comply with
23 Section 5.091, Tax Code, as amended by this Act, not later than:

24 (1) January 1, 2022, with regard to tax rate
25 information related to a taxing unit located wholly or partly in a
26 county with a population of 120,000 or more; and

27 (2) January 1, 2023, with regard to tax rate
28 information related to a taxing unit located wholly in a county with
29 a population of less than 120,000.

30 SECTION 74. The comptroller of public accounts shall
31 prepare and make available the survey form and instructions for

1 completing and submitting the form required by Section 5.104, Tax
2 Code, as added by this Act, as soon as practicable after January 1,
3 2020. An appraisal district is not required to provide the survey
4 form or instructions under a requirement of that section until the
5 form and instructions are prepared and made available by the
6 comptroller of public accounts.

7 SECTION 75. Section 6.41(d-9), Tax Code, as amended by this
8 Act, applies only to the appointment of appraisal review board
9 members to terms beginning on or after January 1, 2021.

10 SECTION 76. Section 6.412, Tax Code, as amended by this Act,
11 does not affect the eligibility of a person serving on an appraisal
12 review board immediately before January 1, 2020, to continue to
13 serve on the board for the term to which the member was appointed.

14 SECTION 77. Section 6.42(d), Tax Code, as added by this Act,
15 applies only to a recommendation, determination, decision, or other
16 action by an appraisal review board or a panel of such a board on or
17 after January 1, 2020. A recommendation, determination, decision,
18 or other action by an appraisal review board or a panel of such a
19 board before January 1, 2020, is governed by the law as it existed
20 immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect
21 for that purpose.

22 SECTION 78. Section 22.23(d), Tax Code, as amended by this
23 Act, applies only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year
24 beginning on or after January 1, 2020.

25 SECTION 79. (a) An appraisal district established in a
26 county with a population of 120,000 or more and each taxing unit
27 located wholly or partly in such an appraisal district shall comply
28 with Sections 26.04(e-2), 26.05(d-1) and (d-2), 26.17, and 26.18,
29 Tax Code, as added by this Act, beginning with the 2021 tax year.

30 (b) An appraisal district established in a county with a
31 population of less than 120,000 and each taxing unit located wholly

1 in such an appraisal district shall comply with Sections
2 26.04(e-2), 26.05(d-1) and (d-2), 26.17, and 26.18, Tax Code, as
3 added by this Act, beginning with the 2022 tax year.

4 SECTION 80. (a) Not later than the 30th day after the date
5 this section takes effect:

6 (1) the designated officer or employee of each taxing
7 unit shall submit to the county assessor-collector for each county
8 in which all or part of the territory of the taxing unit is located
9 the worksheets used by the designated officer or employee to
10 calculate the effective and rollback tax rates of the taxing unit
11 for the 2015-2019 tax years; and

12 (2) the county assessor-collector for each county
13 shall post the worksheets submitted to the county
14 assessor-collector under Subdivision (1) of this subsection on the
15 Internet website of the county.

16 (b) This section takes effect immediately if this Act
17 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
18 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
19 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
20 effect, this section takes effect on the 91st day after the last day
21 of the legislative session.

22 SECTION 81. A taxing unit that does not own, operate, or
23 control an Internet website is not required to comply with Sections
24 26.05(b)(2) and 26.065(b), Tax Code, as amended by this Act, until
25 the first tax year in which the taxing unit is required by law to
26 maintain or have access to an Internet website.

27 SECTION 82. Section 41.03(a), Tax Code, as amended by this
28 Act, applies only to a challenge under Chapter 41, Tax Code, for
29 which a challenge petition is filed on or after January 1, 2020. A
30 challenge under Chapter 41, Tax Code, for which a challenge
31 petition was filed before January 1, 2020, is governed by the law in

1 effect on the date the challenge petition was filed, and the former
2 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 83. Sections 41.45 and 41.66(k), Tax Code, as
4 amended by this Act, and Section 41.66(k-1), Tax Code, as added by
5 this Act, apply only to a protest filed under Chapter 41, Tax Code,
6 on or after January 1, 2021. A protest filed under that chapter
7 before January 1, 2021, is governed by the law in effect on the date
8 the protest was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for
9 that purpose.

10 SECTION 84. Sections 41.46, 41.461, 41.47, 41.66(h), (i),
11 and (j), and 41.67, Tax Code, as amended by this Act, and Sections
12 41.66(j-1) and (p), Tax Code, as added by this Act, apply only to a
13 protest for which the notice of protest was filed by a property
14 owner or the designated agent of the owner with the appraisal review
15 board established for an appraisal district on or after January 1,
16 2020.

17 SECTION 85. Section 41.71, Tax Code, as amended by this Act,
18 applies only to a hearing on a protest under Chapter 41, Tax Code,
19 that is scheduled on or after January 1, 2020. A hearing on a
20 protest under Chapter 41, Tax Code, that is scheduled before
21 January 1, 2020, is governed by the law in effect on the date the
22 hearing was scheduled, and that law is continued in effect for that
23 purpose.

24 SECTION 86. Section 41A.07, Tax Code, as amended by this
25 Act, applies only to a request for binding arbitration received by
26 the comptroller of public accounts from an appraisal district on or
27 after January 1, 2020.

28 SECTION 87. (a) A person who immediately before January 1,
29 2020, serves as an arbitrator in binding arbitrations of appeals of
30 appraisal review board orders must meet the requirements of Section
31 41A.06(b)(3), Tax Code, as added by this Act, not later than the

1 120th day after the date the comptroller of public accounts begins
2 to provide the training required under Section 5.043, Tax Code, as
3 added by this Act.

4 (b) This Act does not prohibit a person who is serving as an
5 arbitrator on January 1, 2020, from renewing the person's agreement
6 with the comptroller of public accounts to serve as an arbitrator if
7 the person has the qualifications required for an arbitrator under
8 the Tax Code as amended by this Act.

9 SECTION 88. (a) Not later than the 30th day after the date
10 this section takes effect, the comptroller of public accounts shall
11 provide a written notice to each appraisal district of:

12 (1) the deadline for complying with each new
13 requirement, duty, or function imposed by this Act on an appraisal
14 district or taxing unit; and

15 (2) any change made by this Act to the deadline for
16 complying with an existing requirement, duty, or function of an
17 appraisal district or taxing unit.

18 (b) As soon as practicable after receipt of the notice
19 provided by the comptroller of public accounts under Subsection (a)
20 of this section, the chief appraiser of an appraisal district shall
21 forward the notice to each assessor for a taxing unit located in the
22 appraisal district.

23 (c) This section takes effect immediately if this Act
24 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
25 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
26 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
27 effect, this section takes effect on the 91st day after the last day
28 of the legislative session.

29 SECTION 89. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this Act,
30 this Act takes effect January 1, 2020.

31 (b) The following provisions take effect September 1, 2020:

1 (1) Sections 6.41(b) and (d-9), Tax Code, as amended
2 by this Act;

3 (2) Sections 6.41(b-1), (b-2), and (d-10), Tax Code,
4 as added by this Act;

5 (3) Section 6.414(d), Tax Code, as amended by this
6 Act;

7 (4) Section 6.425, Tax Code, as added by this Act;

8 (5) Section 41.44(d), Tax Code, as amended by this
9 Act;

10 (6) Section 41.45(d), Tax Code, as amended by this
11 Act;

12 (7) Sections 41.45(d-1), (d-2), and (d-3), Tax Code,
13 as added by this Act;

14 (8) Section 41.66(k), Tax Code, as amended by this
15 Act; and

16 (9) Section 41.66(k-1), Tax Code, as added by this
17 Act.

18 (c) The following provisions take effect January 1, 2021:

19 (1) Sections 25.19(b-3) and (b-4), Tax Code, as added
20 by this Act;

21 (2) Sections 26.04(d-1), (d-2), (d-3), (e-2), (e-3),
22 (e-4), and (e-5), Tax Code, as added by this Act;

23 (3) Sections 26.04(e-1) and (g), Tax Code, as amended
24 by this Act;

25 (4) Sections 26.05(d-1) and (d-2), Tax Code, as added
26 by this Act; and

27 (5) Section 26.05(e), Tax Code, as amended by this
28 Act.

29 (d) Sections 25.19(b) and (i), Tax Code, as amended by this
30 Act, take effect January 1, 2022.