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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: Swanson

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 2 (house committee printing) as follows:

2 (1) On page 14, strike lines 5-12 and substitute the
3 following:

4 SECTION 13. Sections 6.035(a) and (a-1), Tax Code, are
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (a) An individual is ineligible to serve on an appraisal
7 district board of directors and is disqualified from employment as
8 chief appraiser if the individual:

9 (1) is related within the second degree by
10 consanguinity or affinity, as determined under Chapter 573,
11 Government Code, to an individual who:

12 (A) is engaged in the business of appraising
13 property for compensation for use in proceedings under this title
14 or of representing property owners for compensation in proceedings
15 under this title in the appraisal district; or

16 (B) is an employee of the comptroller, an officer
17 or employee of an appraisal district, or a member of the governing
18 body or an officer of a taxing unit;

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

22 (A) the delinquent taxes and any penalties and
23 interest are being paid under an installment payment agreement
24 under Section 33.02; or

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

27 (3) is an employee of the comptroller;

28 (4) except as provided by Section 6.03(a) or 6.05(c),
29 is a member of the governing body, an officer, or an employee of a

1 taxing unit; or

2 (5) is an employee of or contracts with a taxing unit
3 and is required to register as a lobbyist under Chapter 305,
4 Government Code.

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

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

12 (2) is an officer or employee of an appraisal
13 district.

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

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

18 (a) The appraisal district is governed by a board of
19 directors. Five directors are appointed by the taxing units that
20 participate in the district as provided by this section. If the
21 county assessor-collector is not appointed to the board, the county
22 assessor-collector serves as a nonvoting director. The county
23 assessor-collector is ineligible to serve if the board enters into
24 a contract under Section 6.05(b) or if the commissioners court of
25 the county enters into a contract under Section 6.24(b). To be
26 eligible to serve on the board of directors, an individual other
27 than a county assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director
28 must be a resident of the district and must have resided in the
29 district for at least two years immediately preceding the date the
30 individual takes office. ~~[An individual who is otherwise eligible~~
31 ~~to serve on the board is not ineligible because of membership on the~~

1 ~~governing body of a taxing unit. An employee of a taxing unit that~~
2 ~~participates in the district is not eligible to serve on the board~~
3 ~~unless the individual is also a member of the governing body or an~~
4 ~~elected official of a taxing unit that participates in the~~
5 ~~district.]~~

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