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H.B. No. 79

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the school district property value study conducted by the comptroller of public accounts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 403.3011(2), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Eligible school district" means a school district for which the comptroller has determined the following:

(A) in the most recent study, the local value is invalid under Section 403.302(c) and does not exceed the state value for the school district determined in the study;

(B) in the two studies preceding the most recent study, the school district's local value was valid under Section 403.302(c);

(C) in the most recent study, the aggregate local value of all of the categories of property sampled by the comptroller is not less than 80 [~~90~~] percent of the lower limit of the margin of error as determined by the comptroller of the aggregate value as determined by the comptroller of all of the categories of property sampled by the comptroller; and

(D) the appraisal district that appraises property for the school district was in compliance with the scoring requirement of the comptroller's most recent review of the appraisal district conducted under Section 5.102, Tax Code.

1 SECTION 2. Section 403.302(c), Government Code, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 (c) If after conducting the study the comptroller
4 determines that the local value for a school district is valid, the
5 local value is presumed to represent taxable value for the school
6 district. In the absence of that presumption, taxable value for a
7 school district is the state value for the school district
8 determined by the comptroller under Subsections (a) and (b) unless
9 the local value exceeds the state value, in which case the taxable
10 value for the school district is the district's local value. In
11 determining whether the local value for a school district is valid,
12 the comptroller shall use a margin of error that does not exceed 10
13 [~~five~~] percent unless the comptroller determines that the size of
14 the sample of properties necessary to make the determination makes
15 the use of such a margin of error not feasible, in which case the
16 comptroller may use a larger margin of error.

17 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
18 to the annual study conducted under Section 403.302, Government
19 Code, for a tax year that begins on or after January 1, 2022. The
20 annual study for a tax year that begins before that date is covered
21 by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this
22 Act, and the prior law is continued in effect for that purpose.

23 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
27 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the

1 legislative session.