

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 3385  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

In Texas, a property owner who believes the appraised value of the owner's property decreased during the preceding tax year for any reason other than normal depreciation may submit a form indicating that belief to the applicable appraisal district office. However, it has been noted that very few property owners are aware that this form exists. There have been calls to add information regarding this form to the landowner's bill of rights statement prepared by the attorney general in connection with property acquisition through eminent domain to ensure property owners are fully aware of resources available to them. H.B. 3385 seeks to address this issue by including this information in that statement.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 3385 amends the Government Code to require the landowner's bill of rights statement prepared by the attorney general in connection with property acquisition through eminent domain to notify each property owner of their right to submit to the appraisal district office in the county in which the property is taxable a report of decreased value for the owner's remaining property after the taking. The statement must include a copy of the report of decreased value form issued by the comptroller of public accounts. Effective September 1, 2021, the bill requires the office of the attorney general to make the updated landowner's bill of rights statement available on the attorney general's website not later than January 1, 2022.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

January 1, 2022, except as otherwise provided.