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	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1	AN ACT
2	relating to providing property tax relief through the public school
3	finance system, exemptions, limitations on appraisals and taxes,
4	and property tax administration; authorizing the imposition of a
5	fee.
6	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
7	ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE
8	SECTION 1.01. This Act may be cited as the Property Tax
9	Relief Act.
10	ARTICLE 2. SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX RATE COMPRESSION
11	SECTION 2.01. Subchapter F, Chapter 48 , Education Code, is
12	amended by adding Sections 48.2555 and 48.283 to read as follows:
13	Sec. 48.2555. MAXIMUM COMPRESSED TAX RATE FOR 2023-2024
14	SCHOOL YEAR. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title
15	or Chapter 26, Tax Code, for the 2023-2024 school year, the
16	commissioner shall calculate the value of a school district's
17	maximum compressed tax rate by determining the district's maximum
18	<pre>compressed rate under Section 48.2551 or 48.2552(b), if applicable,</pre>
19	and reducing the tax rate determined under the applicable section
20	by \$0.107.
21	(b) If a school district's maximum compressed tax rate as
22	calculated under Subsection (a) would be less than 90 percent of
23	another school district's maximum compressed tax rate under
24	Subsection (a), the district's maximum compressed tax rate is the

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1	value at which the district's maximum compressed tax rate would be
2	equal to 90 percent of the other district's maximum compressed tax
3	rate.
4	(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title or
5	Chapter 26, Tax Code, for purposes of determining funding for
6	school districts for the 2023-2024 school year, a reference in any
7	of the following provisions of law to a school district's maximum
8	compressed tax rate or maximum compressed rate as determined under
9	Section 48.2551 means the maximum compressed tax rate determined
10	for the district under this section:
11	(1) Section 13.054(f);
12	(2) Section 45.003(d);
13	(3) Section 45.0032(a);
14	(4) Section 48.051(a);
15	(5) Sections 48.2553(a) and (e);
16	(6) Section 48.2556; and
17	(7) Section 26.08(n), Tax Code.
18	(d) For purposes of Section 30.003(f-1), a reference in that
19	section to Section 48.2551 includes this section.
20	(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, for
21	purposes of determining a school district's maximum compressed tax
22	rate under Section 48.2551 for the 2024-2025 school year, the value
23	of the district's "PYMCR" is the maximum compressed tax rate
24	determined for the district under this section for the preceding
25	school year.
26	(f) This section expires September 1, 2025.
27	Sec. 48.283. ADDITIONAL STATE AID FOR CERTAIN DISTRICTS

IMPACTED BY COMPRESSION. A school district that received an 1 adjustment under Section 48.257(b) for the 2022-2023 school year is 2 entitled to additional state aid for each school year in an amount 3 equal to the amount of that adjustment for the 2022-2023 school year 4 less the difference, if the difference is greater than zero, 5 6 between: 7 (1) the amount to which the district is entitled under 8 this chapter for the current school year; and (2) the amount to which the district would be entitled 9 under this chapter for the current school year if the district's 10 maximum compressed tax rate had not been reduced under Section 11 12 48.2555, as added by S.B. 2, Acts of the 88th Legislature, 2nd Calle<u>d Session, 2023.</u> 13 14 ARTICLE 3. SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION 15 SECTION 3.01. Section 11.13(b), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows: 16 17 (b) An adult is entitled to exemption from taxation by a school district of \$100,000 [\$40,000] of the appraised value of the 18 adult's residence homestead, except that only \$5,000 of the 19 exemption applies to an entity operating under former Chapter 17, 20

21 18, 25, 26, 27, or 28, Education Code, as those chapters existed on
22 May 1, 1995, as permitted by Section 11.301, Education Code.

SECTION 3.02. Section 11.26, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (a-10), and (o) and adding Subsections (a-11) and (a-12) to read as follows:

(a) The tax officials shall appraise the property to whichthis section applies and calculate taxes as on other property, but

if the tax so calculated exceeds the limitation imposed by this 1 section, the tax imposed is the amount of the tax as limited by this 2 3 section, except as otherwise provided by this section. A school district may not increase the total annual amount of ad valorem tax 4 5 it imposes on the residence homestead of an individual 65 years of age or older or on the residence homestead of an individual who is 6 disabled, as defined by Section 11.13, above the amount of the tax 7 8 it imposed in the first tax year in which the individual qualified that residence homestead for the applicable exemption provided by 9 Section 11.13(c) for an individual who is 65 years of age or older 10 or is disabled. If the individual qualified that residence 11 homestead for the exemption after the beginning of that first year 12 and the residence homestead remains eligible for the same exemption 13 14 for the next year, and if the school district taxes imposed on the 15 residence homestead in the next year are less than the amount of taxes imposed in that first year, a school district may not 16 17 subsequently increase the total annual amount of ad valorem taxes it imposes on the residence homestead above the amount it imposed in 18 19 the year immediately following the first year for which the individual qualified that residence homestead for the same 20 exemption, except as provided by Subsection (b). [If the first tax 21 year the individual qualified the residence homestead for the 22 exemption provided by Section 11.13(c) for individuals 65 years of 23 24 age or older or disabled was a tax year before the 2015 tax year, the amount of the limitation provided by this section is the amount of 25 tax the school district imposed for the 2014 tax year less an amount 26 equal to the amount determined by multiplying \$10,000 times the tax 27

1 rate of the school district for the 2015 tax year, plus any 2015 tax
2 attributable to improvements made in 2014, other than improvements
3 made to comply with governmental regulations or repairs.]

4 (a-10) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this 5 section, if in the 2024 or a subsequent tax year an individual 6 qualifies for a limitation on tax increases provided by this 7 section on the individual's residence homestead, the amount of the 8 limitation provided by this section on the homestead is equal to the 9 amount computed by:

10 (1) multiplying the taxable value of the homestead in 11 the preceding tax year by a tax rate equal to the difference between 12 the school district's maximum compressed rate for the preceding tax 13 year and the district's maximum compressed rate for the current tax 14 year;

(2) subtracting the amount computed under Subdivision
(1) from the amount of tax the district imposed on the homestead in
the preceding tax year; [and]

18 (3) adding any tax imposed in the current tax year 19 attributable to improvements made in the preceding tax year as 20 provided by Subsection (b) to the amount computed under Subdivision 21 (2);

(4) multiplying the amount of any increase in the current tax year as compared to the preceding tax year in the aggregate amount of the exemptions to which the individual is entitled under Sections 11.13(b) and (c) by the school district's tax rate for the current tax year; and (5) subtracting the amount computed under Subdivision

1 (4) from the amount computed under Subdivision (3). 2 (a-11) This subsection applies only to an individual who in the 2023 tax year qualifies for a limitation under this section and 3 for whom the 2022 tax year or an earlier tax year was the first tax 4 5 year the individual or the individual's spouse qualified for an exemption under Section 11.13(c). The amount of the limitation 6 provided by this section on the residence homestead of an 7 8 individual to which this subsection applies for the 2023 tax year is the amount of the limitation as computed under Subsection (a-5), 9 (a-6), (a-7), (a-8), or (a-9) of this section, as applicable, less 10 an amount equal to the product of \$60,000 and the tax rate of the 11 12 school district for the 2023 tax year. This subsection expires January 1, 2025. 13 14 (a-12) This subsection applies only to an individual who in 15 the 2023 tax year qualifies for a limitation under this section and for whom the 2021 tax year or an earlier tax year was the first tax 16 17 year the individual or the individual's spouse qualified for an exemption under Section 11.13(c). The amount of the limitation 18 provided by this section on the residence homestead of an 19 individual to which this subsection applies for the 2023 tax year is 20 the amount of the limitation as computed under Subsection (a-11) of 21 this section less an amount equal to the product of \$15,000 and the 22 tax rate of the school district for the 2022 tax year. This 23 24 subsection expires January 1, 2025.

(o) Notwithstanding Subsections (a) [-, (a=3),] and (b), an
improvement to property that would otherwise constitute an
improvement under Subsection (b) is not treated as an improvement

under that subsection if the improvement is a replacement structure for a structure that was rendered uninhabitable or unusable by a casualty or by wind or water damage. For purposes of appraising the property in the tax year in which the structure would have constituted an improvement under Subsection (b), the replacement structure is considered to be an improvement under that subsection only if:

8 (1) the square footage of the replacement structure 9 exceeds that of the replaced structure as that structure existed 10 before the casualty or damage occurred; or

(2) the exterior of the replacement structure is of higher quality construction and composition than that of the replaced structure.

SECTION 3.03. Section 46.071, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a-1) and (b-1) and adding Subsections (a-2), (b-2), and (c-2) to read as follows:

17 (a**-**1) For [Beginning with] the 2022-2023 school year, a school district is entitled to additional state aid under this 18 subchapter to the extent that state and local revenue used to 19 service debt eligible under this chapter is less than the state and 20 21 local revenue that would have been available to the district under this chapter as it existed on September 1, 2021, if any increase in 22 23 the residence homestead exemption under Section 1-b(c), Article 24 VIII, Texas Constitution, as proposed by the 87th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2021, had not occurred. 25

26 <u>(a-2) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, a school</u>
27 district is entitled to additional state aid under this subchapter

1 to the extent that state and local revenue used to service debt eligible under this chapter is less than the state and local revenue 2 that would have been available to the district under this chapter as 3 it existed on September 1, 2022, if any increase in a residence 4 homestead exemption under Section 1-b(c), Article VIII, Texas 5 Constitution, and any additional limitation on tax increases under 6 7 Section 1-b(d) of that article as proposed by the 88th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2023, had not occurred. 8

Subsections (c-1), (d), 9 (b-1) Subject to and (e), 10 additional state aid under this section for [beginning with] the 2022-2023 school year is equal to the amount by which the loss of 11 12 local interest and sinking revenue for debt service attributable to any increase in the residence homestead exemption under Section 13 14 1-b(c), Article VIII, Texas Constitution, as proposed by the 87th 15 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2021, is not offset by a gain in state aid under this chapter. 16

17 (b-2) Subject to Subsections (c-2), (d), and (e), additional state aid under this section beginning with the 18 19 2023-2024 school year is equal to the amount by which the loss of local interest and sinking revenue for debt service attributable to 20 any increase in a residence homestead exemption under Section 21 1-b(c), Article VIII, Texas Constitution, and any additional 22 limitation on tax increases under Section 1-b(d) of that article as 23 24 proposed by the 88th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2023, is not offset by a gain in state aid under this chapter. 25

26 (c-2) For the purpose of determining state aid under
27 Subsections (a-2) and (b-2), local interest and sinking revenue for

1 debt service is limited to revenue required to service debt 2 eligible under this chapter as of September 1, 2022, including 3 refunding of that debt, subject to Section 46.061. The limitation 4 imposed by Section 46.034(a) does not apply for the purpose of 5 determining state aid under this section. 6 SECTION 3.04. Section 48.2542, Education Code, is amended

7 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 48.2542. ADDITIONAL STATE AID FOR ADJUSTMENT OF LIMITATION ON TAX INCREASES ON HOMESTEAD OF ELDERLY OR DISABLED. 9 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if a school 10 district is not fully compensated through state aid or the 11 calculation of excess local revenue under this chapter based on the 12 determination of the district's taxable value of property under 13 14 Subchapter M, Chapter 403, Government Code, the district is 15 entitled to additional state aid in the amount necessary to fully compensate the district for the amount of ad valorem tax revenue 16 17 lost due to a reduction of the amount of the limitation on tax increases provided by Sections 11.26(a-4), (a-5), (a-6), (a-7), 18 (a-8), (a-9), [and] (a-10), (a-11), and (a-12), Tax Code, as 19 applicable. 20

21 SECTION 3.05. Effective January 1, 2025, Section 48.2542,
22 Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 48.2542. ADDITIONAL STATE AID FOR ADJUSTMENT OF LIMITATION ON TAX INCREASES ON HOMESTEAD OF ELDERLY OR DISABLED. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if a school district is not fully compensated through state aid or the calculation of excess local revenue under this chapter based on the

determination of the district's taxable value of property under 1 Subchapter M, Chapter 403, Government Code, the district 2 is 3 entitled to additional state aid in the amount necessary to fully compensate the district for the amount of ad valorem tax revenue 4 5 lost due to a reduction of the amount of the limitation on tax increases provided by <u>Section 11.26(a-10)</u> [Sections 11.26(a-4), 6 (a=5), (a=6), (a=7), (a=8), (a=9), and (a=10)], Tax Code[, as 7 8 applicable].

9 SECTION 3.06. Section 48.2543, Education Code, is amended 10 to read as follows:

Sec. 48.2543. ADDITIONAL STATE AID FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION. 11 12 (a) For [Beginning with] the 2022-2023 school year, a school district is entitled to additional state aid to the extent that 13 14 state and local revenue under this chapter and Chapter 49 is less 15 than the state and local revenue that would have been available to the district under this chapter and Chapter 49 as those chapters 16 17 existed on September 1, 2021, if any increase in the residence homestead exemption under Section 1-b(c), Article VIII, Texas 18 19 Constitution, as proposed by the 87th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2021, had not occurred. 20

21 (a-1) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, a school 22 district is entitled to additional state aid to the extent that 23 state and local revenue under this chapter and Chapter 49 is less 24 than the state and local revenue that would have been available to 25 the district under this chapter and Chapter 49 as those chapters 26 existed on September 1, 2022, if any increase in a residence 27 homestead exemption under Section 1-b(c), Article VIII, Texas

1 Constitution, and any additional limitation on tax increases under Section 1-b(d) of that article as proposed by the 88th Legislature, 2 2nd Called Session, 2023, had not occurred. 3 4 The lesser of the school district's currently adopted (b) 5 maintenance and operations tax rate or the adopted maintenance and operations tax rate for: 6 7 (1) the 2021 tax year is used for the purpose of 8 determining additional state aid under Subsection (a); and 9 (2) the 2022 tax year is used for the purpose of determining additional state aid under Subsection (a-1). 10 SECTION 3.07. Section 48.2556(a), Education Code, 11 is amended to read as follows: 12 The agency shall post the following information on the 13 (a) 14 agency's Internet website for purposes of allowing the chief appraiser of each appraisal district and the assessor for each 15 school district to make the calculations required by Sections 16 17 11.26(a-5), (a-6), (a-7), (a-8), (a-9), [and] (a-10), (a-11), and (a-12), Tax Code: 18 19 (1) each school district's maximum compressed rate, as 20 determined under Section 48.2551, for each tax year beginning with the 2019 tax year; and 21 (2) each school district's tier one maintenance and 22 operations tax rate, as provided by Section 45.0032(a), for the 23 24 2018 tax year. SECTION 3.08. Effective 25 January 1, 2025, Section 26 48.2556(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows: 27 For purposes of allowing the chief appraiser of each (a)

appraisal district and the assessor for each school district to make the calculations required by Section 11.26(a-10), Tax Code, the [The] agency shall post [the following information] on the agency's Internet website [for purposes of allowing the chief appraiser of each appraisal district and the assessor for each school district to make the calculations required by Sections 11.26(a-5), (a-6), (a-7), (a-8), (a-9), and (a-10), Tax Code:

8 [(1)] each school district's maximum compressed rate, 9 as determined under Section 48.2551, for <u>the current</u> [each] tax 10 year <u>and the preceding</u> [beginning with the 2019] tax year[; and 11 [(2) each school district's tier one maintenance and

14 SECTION 3.09. Section 49.004, Education Code, is amended by 15 adding Subsections (a-1), (b-1), and (c-1) to read as follows:

16 (a-1) This subsection applies only if the constitutional 17 amendment proposed by H.J.R. 2, 88th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2023, is approved by the voters in an election held for 18 19 that purpose. As soon as practicable after receiving revised property values that reflect adoption of the constitutional 20 amendment, the commissioner shall review the local revenue level of 21 districts in the state and revise as necessary the notifications 22 provided under Subsection (a) for the 2023-2024 school year. This 23 24 subsection expires September 1, 2024.

25 (b-1) This subsection applies only to a district that has 26 not previously held an election under this chapter. Notwithstanding 27 <u>Subsection (b), a district that enters into an agreement to</u>

1 exercise an option to reduce the district's local revenue level in excess of entitlement under Section 49.002(3), (4), or (5) for the 2 2023-2024 school year may request and, as provided by Section 3 49.0042(a), receive approval from the commissioner to delay the 4 5 date of the election otherwise required to be ordered before September 1. This subsection expires September 1, 2024. 6 7 (c-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), a district that 8 receives approval from the commissioner to delay an election as provided by Subsection (b-1) may adopt a tax rate for the 2023 tax 9 year before the commissioner certifies that the district has 10 reduced its local revenue level to the level established by Section 11 12 48.257. This subsection expires September 1, 2024.

SECTION 3.10. Subchapter A, Chapter 49, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 49.0042 to read as follows:

15 Sec. 49.0042. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS: INCREASED HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AND LIMITATION ON TAX INCREASES. (a) The commissioner 16 17 shall approve a district's request under Section 49.004(b-1) to delay the date of an election required under this chapter if the 18 19 commissioner determines that the district would not have a local revenue level in excess of entitlement if the constitutional 20 amendment proposed by H.J.R. 2, 88th Legislature, 2nd Called 21 22 Session, 2023, were approved by the voters.

23 (b) The commissioner shall set a date by which each district 24 that receives approval under this section must order the election. 25 (c) Not later than the 2024-2025 school year, the 26 commissioner shall order detachment and annexation of property 27 under Subchapter G or consolidation under Subchapter H as necessary

H.B. No. 2 to reduce the district's local revenue level to the level 1 established by Section 48.257 for a district that receives approval 2 3 under this section and subsequently: 4 (1) fails to hold the election; or 5 (2) does not receive voter approval at the election. This section expires September 1, 2025. 6 (d) 7 SECTION 3.11. Subchapter A, Chapter 49, Education Code, is 8 amended by adding Section 49.0121 to read as follows: 9 Sec. 49.0121. TRANSITIONAL ELECTION DATES. (a) This 10 section applies only to an election under this chapter that occurs during the 2023-2024 school year. 11 12 (b) Section 49.012 does not apply to a district that receives approval of a request under Section 49.0042. The district 13 shall hold the election on a Tuesday or Saturday on or before a date 14 15 specified by the commissioner. Section 41.001, Election Code, does not apply to the election. 16 17 (c) This section expires September 1, 2024. SECTION 3.12. Section 49.154, Education Code, is amended by 18 adding Subsections (a-2) and (a-3) to read as follows: 19 (a-2) Notwithstanding Subsections (a) and (a-1), a district 20 that receives approval of a request under Section 49.0042 shall pay 21 22 for credit purchased: 23 (1) in equal monthly payments as determined by the 24 commissioner beginning March 15, 2024, and ending August 15, 2024; 25 or 26 (2) in the manner provided by Subsection (a)(2), provided that the district notifies the commissioner of the 27

<u>district's election to pay in that manner not later than March 15,</u>
 2024.

3 (a-3) Subsection (a-2) and this subsection expire September
4 1, 2024.

5 SECTION 3.13. Section 49.308, Education Code, is amended by 6 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

7 <u>(a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), for the 2023-2024</u> 8 school year, the commissioner shall order any detachments and 9 annexations of property under this subchapter as soon as 10 practicable after the canvass of the votes on the constitutional 11 amendment proposed by H.J.R. 2, 88th Legislature, 2nd Called 12 Session, 2023. This subsection expires September 1, 2024.

SECTION 3.14. Section 403.302, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (j-1) and adding Subsection (j-2) to read as follows:

(j-1) In the final certification of the study under 16 17 Subsection (j), the comptroller shall separately identify the final taxable value for each school district as adjusted to account for 18 the reduction of the amount of the limitation on tax increases 19 provided by <u>Section 11.26(a-10)</u> [Sections 11.26(a-4), (a-5), 20 (a=6), (a=7), (a=8), (a=9), and (a=10)], Tax Code[, as applicable]. 21 (j-2) In the final certification of the study under 22 Subsection (j), the comptroller shall separately identify the final 23 24 taxable value for each school district as adjusted to account for the reduction of the amount of the limitation on tax increases 25 26 provided by Sections 11.26(a-5), (a-6), (a-7), (a-8), (a-9), (a-10), (a-11), and (a-12), Tax Code. This subsection expires 27

1 January 1, 2025.

2 SECTION 3.15. (a) Sections 11.26(a-1), (a-2), and (a-3),
3 Tax Code, are repealed.

4 (b) Effective January 1, 2025, Sections 11.26(a-5), (a-6),
5 (a-7), (a-8), and (a-9), Tax Code, are repealed.

6 SECTION 3.16. Sections 11.13 and 11.26, Tax Code, as 7 amended by this article, apply only to an ad valorem tax year that 8 begins on or after January 1, 2023.

9 ARTICLE 4. LIMITATION ON INCREASES IN VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY OTHER
 10 THAN RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD

11 SECTION 4.01. Section 1.12(d), Tax Code, is amended to read 12 as follows:

(d) For purposes of this section, the appraisal ratio of <u>property</u> [a homestead] to which Section 23.23 or 23.231 applies is the ratio of the property's market value as determined by the appraisal district or appraisal review board, as applicable, to the market value of the property according to law. The appraisal ratio is not calculated according to the appraised value of the property as limited by Section 23.23 or 23.231.

20 SECTION 4.02. Effective January 1, 2027, Section 1.12(d), 21 Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) For purposes of this section, the appraisal ratio of a homestead to which Section 23.23 applies is the ratio of the property's market value as determined by the appraisal district or appraisal review board, as applicable, to the market value of the property according to law. The appraisal ratio is not calculated according to the appraised value of the property as limited by

1 Section 23.23. 2 SECTION 4.03. Subchapter B, Chapter 23, Tax Code, is 3 amended by adding Section 23.231 to read as follows: 4 Sec. 23.231. LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY OTHER THAN RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD. (a) In this section: 5 6 (1) "Consumer price index" means the average over a 7 state fiscal year of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S. City Average, published monthly by the 8 United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, or its successor in 9 10 function. (2) "Disaster recovery program" means a disaster 11 recovery program funded with community development block grant 12 disaster recovery money authorized by federal law. 13 (3) "New improvement" means an improvement to real 14 15 property made after the most recent appraisal of the property that increases the market value of the property and the value of which is 16 17 not included in the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year. The term does not include repairs to or 18 19 ordinary maintenance of an existing structure or the grounds or another feature of the property. 20 21 (b) This section applies only to real property with an appraised value of not more than the amount determined under 22 Subsection (j) for the tax year in which the property first 23 24 qualifies for the limitation authorized by this section. (c) This section does not apply to: 25 26 (1) a residence homestead that qualifies for an 27 exemption under Section 11.13; or

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1	(2) property appraised under Subchapter C, D, E, F, G,
2	or H.
3	(d) Notwithstanding the requirements of Section 25.18 and
4	regardless of whether the appraisal office has appraised the
5	property and determined the market value of the property for the tax
6	year, an appraisal office may increase the appraised value of real
7	property to which this section applies for a tax year to an amount
8	not to exceed the lesser of:
9	(1) the market value of the property for the most
10	recent tax year that the market value was determined by the
11	appraisal office; or
12	(2) the sum of:
13	(A) 20 percent of the appraised value of the
14	property for the preceding tax year;
15	(B) the appraised value of the property for the
16	preceding tax year; and
17	(C) the market value of all new improvements to
18	the property.
19	(e) When appraising real property to which this section
20	applies, the chief appraiser shall:
21	(1) appraise the property at its market value; and
22	(2) include in the appraisal records both the market
23	value of the property and the amount computed under Subsection
24	(d)(2).
25	(f) The limitation provided by Subsection (d) takes effect
26	as to a parcel of real property on January 1 of the tax year
27	following the first tax year in which the owner owns the property on

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of higher quality construction and composition than that of the

1 replaced structure. 2 (i) Notwithstanding Subsection (h)(2), and only to the 3 extent necessary to satisfy the requirements of a disaster recovery program, a replacement structure described by that subdivision is 4 not considered to be a new improvement if to satisfy the 5 requirements of the disaster recovery program it was necessary 6 7 that: (1) the square footage of the replacement structure 8 exceed that of the replaced structure as that structure existed 9 10 before the casualty or damage occurred; or 11 (2) the exterior of the replacement structure be of 12 higher quality construction and composition than that of the 13 replaced structure. 14 (j) For the purpose of Subsection (b), for the 2024 tax 15 year, the amount is \$5 million. For the 2025 tax year, the comptroller shall determine the amount for purposes of Subsection 16 17 (b) by increasing or decreasing, as applicable, the amount in effect for the 2024 tax year by an amount equal to \$5 million 18 19 multiplied by the percentage increase or decrease during the preceding state fiscal year in the consumer price index. For each 20 subsequent tax year, the comptroller shall determine the amount for 21 purposes of Subsection (b) by increasing or decreasing, as 22 applicable, the amount in effect for the preceding tax year by an 23 24 amount equal to that amount multiplied by the percentage increase or decrease during the preceding state fiscal year in the consumer 25 26 price index, rounded to the nearest \$10,000. The comptroller shall 27 publish the amount in effect for a tax year under this subsection as

1 soon as practicable after January 1 of the tax year. 2 (k) This section expires December 31, 2026. SECTION 4.04. Sections 25.19(b) and (g), Tax Code, 3 are amended to read as follows: 4 5 (b) The chief appraiser shall separate real from personal property and include in the notice for each: 6 7 a list of the taxing units in which the property is (1) 8 taxable; 9 (2) the appraised value of the property in the 10 preceding year; the taxable value of the property in the preceding 11 (3) 12 year for each taxing unit taxing the property; (4) the appraised value of the property for the 13 14 current year, the kind and amount of each exemption and partial exemption, if any, approved for the property for the current year 15 and for the preceding year, and, if an exemption or partial 16 17 exemption that was approved for the preceding year was canceled or reduced for the current year, the amount of the exemption or partial 18 exemption canceled or reduced; 19 20 (4-a) a statement of whether the property qualifies for 21 the limitation on appraised value provided by Section 23.231; in italic typeface, the following statement: "The 22 (5) 23 Texas Legislature does not set the amount of your local taxes. Your 24 property tax burden is decided by your locally elected officials, and all inquiries concerning your taxes should be directed to those 25 officials"; 26 27 (6) a detailed explanation of the time and procedure

1 for protesting the value;

2 (7) the date and place the appraisal review board will3 begin hearing protests;

4 (8) an explanation of the availability and purpose of
5 an informal conference with the appraisal office before a hearing
6 on a protest; and

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

(g) By April 1 or as soon thereafter as practicable if the 11 12 property is a single-family residence that qualifies for an exemption under Section 11.13, or by May 1 or as soon thereafter as 13 14 practicable in connection with any other property, the chief 15 appraiser shall deliver a written notice to the owner of each property not included in a notice required to be delivered under 16 17 Subsection (a), if the property was reappraised in the current tax year, if the ownership of the property changed during the preceding 18 19 year, or if the property owner or the agent of a property owner authorized under Section 1.111 makes a written request for the 20 notice. The chief appraiser shall separate real from personal 21 property and include in the notice for each property: 22

(1) the appraised value of the property in thepreceding year;

(2) the appraised value of the property for the
current year and the kind of each partial exemption, if any,
approved for the current year;

H.B. No. 2 (2-a) a statement of whether the property qualifies for 1 2 the limitation on appraised value provided by Section 23.231; a detailed explanation of the time and procedure 3 (3) for protesting the value; and 4 5 (4) the date and place the appraisal review board will begin hearing protests. 6 SECTION 4.05. Effective January 1, 2027, Sections 25.19(b) 7 8 and (g), Tax Code, are amended to read as follows: The chief appraiser shall separate real from personal 9 (b) 10 property and include in the notice for each: a list of the taxing units in which the property is 11 (1) 12 taxable; (2) 13 the appraised value of the property in the 14 preceding year; the taxable value of the property in the preceding 15 (3) year for each taxing unit taxing the property; 16 17 (4) the appraised value of the property for the current year, the kind and amount of each exemption and partial 18 19 exemption, if any, approved for the property for the current year and for the preceding year, and, if an exemption or partial 20 exemption that was approved for the preceding year was canceled or 21 reduced for the current year, the amount of the exemption or partial 22 23 exemption canceled or reduced; 24 (5) in italic typeface, the following statement: "The 25 Texas Legislature does not set the amount of your local taxes. Your 26 property tax burden is decided by your locally elected officials,

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and all inquiries concerning your taxes should be directed to those

1 officials";

2 (6) a detailed explanation of the time and procedure3 for protesting the value;

4 (7) the date and place the appraisal review board will5 begin hearing protests;

6 (8) an explanation of the availability and purpose of 7 an informal conference with the appraisal office before a hearing 8 on a protest; and

9 (9) a brief explanation that the governing body of 10 each taxing unit decides whether or not taxes on the property will 11 increase and the appraisal district only determines the value of 12 the property.

By April 1 or as soon thereafter as practicable if the 13 (g) 14 property is a single-family residence that qualifies for an 15 exemption under Section 11.13, or by May 1 or as soon thereafter as practicable in connection with any other property, the chief 16 17 appraiser shall deliver a written notice to the owner of each property not included in a notice required to be delivered under 18 19 Subsection (a), if the property was reappraised in the current tax year, if the ownership of the property changed during the preceding 20 year, or if the property owner or the agent of a property owner 21 authorized under Section 1.111 makes a written request for the 22 The chief appraiser shall separate real from personal 23 notice. 24 property and include in the notice for each property:

25 (1) the appraised value of the property in the 26 preceding year;

27 (2) the appraised value of the property for the

H.B. No. 2 current year and the kind of each partial exemption, if any, 1 approved for the current year; 2 3 (3) a detailed explanation of the time and procedure for protesting the value; and 4 5 (4) the date and place the appraisal review board will begin hearing protests. 6 7 SECTION 4.06. Section 25.19, Tax Code, is amended by adding 8 Subsection (o) to read as follows: 9 (o) A notice required under Subsection (a) or (g) to be delivered to the owner of real property other than a single-family 10 residence that qualifies for an exemption under Section 11.13 must 11 include the following statement: "Under Section 23.231, Tax Code, 12 for the 2024, 2025, and 2026 tax years, the appraised value of real 13 14 property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax 15 purposes may not be increased by more than 20 percent each year, with certain exceptions. The limitation provided under Section 16 17 23.231, Tax Code, expires December 31, 2026. Unless this expiration date is extended by the Texas Legislature, beginning in 18 the 2027 tax year, the limitation provided under Section 23.231, 19 Tax Code, will no longer be in effect and may result in an increase 20 in ad valorem taxes imposed on real property previously subject to 21 the limitation." This subsection expires December 31, 2027. 22

23 SECTION 4.07. Section 41.41(a), Tax Code, is amended to 24 read as follows:

(a) A property owner is entitled to protest before theappraisal review board the following actions:

27 (1) determination of the appraised value of the

H.B. No. 2 owner's property or, in the case of land appraised as provided by 1 Subchapter C, D, E, or H, Chapter 23, determination of its appraised 2 3 or market value; (2) unequal appraisal of the owner's property; 4 5 inclusion of the owner's property on the appraisal (3) records; 6 7 (4) denial to the property owner in whole or in part of 8 a partial exemption; 9 (4-a) determination that the owner's property does not 10 qualify for the limitation on appraised value provided by Section 23.231; 11 determination that the owner's land does not 12 (5) qualify for appraisal as provided by Subchapter C, D, E, or H, 13 14 Chapter 23; 15 (6) identification of the taxing units in which the owner's property is taxable in the case of the appraisal district's 16 17 appraisal roll; determination that the property owner is the owner 18 (7) 19 of property; (8) a determination that a change in use of land 20 appraised under Subchapter C, D, E, or H, Chapter 23, has occurred; 21 2.2 or 23 (9) any other action of the chief appraiser, appraisal 24 district, or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely 25 affects the property owner. SECTION 4.08. Effective January 1, 2027, Section 41.41(a), 26 Tax Code, is amended to read as follows: 27

H.B. No. 2 A property owner is entitled to protest before the 1 (a) appraisal review board the following actions: 2 (1) determination of the appraised value 3 of the owner's property or, in the case of land appraised as provided by 4 5 Subchapter C, D, E, or H, Chapter 23, determination of its appraised or market value; 6 7 (2) unequal appraisal of the owner's property; inclusion of the owner's property on the appraisal 8 (3) records; 9 10 (4) denial to the property owner in whole or in part of a partial exemption; 11 determination that the owner's land does not 12 (5) qualify for appraisal as provided by Subchapter C, D, E, or H, 13 14 Chapter 23; 15 (6) identification of the taxing units in which the owner's property is taxable in the case of the appraisal district's 16 17 appraisal roll; (7) determination that the property owner is the owner 18 19 of property; (8) a determination that a change in use of land 20 appraised under Subchapter C, D, E, or H, Chapter 23, has occurred; 21 22 or 23 (9) any other action of the chief appraiser, appraisal 24 district, or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely 25 affects the property owner. SECTION 4.09. Section 42.26(d), Tax Code, is amended to 26 read as follows: 27

1 (d) For purposes of this section, the value of the property 2 subject to the suit and the value of a comparable property or sample 3 property that is used for comparison must be the market value 4 determined by the appraisal district when the property is [a 5 residence homestead] subject to the limitation on appraised value 6 imposed by Section 23.23 or 23.231.

7 SECTION 4.10. Effective January 1, 2027, Section 42.26(d), 8 Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

9 (d) For purposes of this section, the value of the property 10 subject to the suit and the value of a comparable property or sample 11 property that is used for comparison must be the market value 12 determined by the appraisal district when the property is a 13 residence homestead subject to the limitation on appraised value 14 imposed by Section 23.23.

15 SECTION 4.11. Sections 403.302(d) and (i), Government Code, 16 are amended to read as follows:

17 (d) For the purposes of this section, "taxable value" means18 the market value of all taxable property less:

(1) the total dollar amount of any residence homestead exemptions lawfully granted under Section 11.13(b) or (c), Tax Code, in the year that is the subject of the study for each school district;

(2) one-half of the total dollar amount of any residence homestead exemptions granted under Section 11.13(n), Tax Code, in the year that is the subject of the study for each school district;

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(3) the total dollar amount of any exemptions granted

1 before May 31, 1993, within a reinvestment zone under agreements
2 authorized by Chapter 312, Tax Code;

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3 (4) subject to Subsection (e), the total dollar amount4 of any captured appraised value of property that:

5 (A) is within a reinvestment zone created on or before May 31, 1999, or is proposed to be included within the 6 boundaries of a reinvestment zone as the boundaries of the zone and 7 8 the proposed portion of tax increment paid into the tax increment fund by a school district are described in a written notification 9 provided by the municipality or the board of directors of the zone 10 to the governing bodies of the other taxing units in the manner 11 provided by former Section 311.003(e), Tax Code, before May 31, 12 1999, and within the boundaries of the zone as those boundaries 13 14 existed on September 1, 1999, including subsequent improvements to 15 the property regardless of when made;

(B) generates taxes paid into a tax increment fund created under Chapter 311, Tax Code, under a reinvestment zone financing plan approved under Section 311.011(d), Tax Code, on or before September 1, 1999; and

(C) is eligible for tax increment financing under
 Chapter 311, Tax Code;

(5) the total dollar amount of any captured appraisedvalue of property that:

(A) is within a reinvestment zone:
(i) created on or before December 31, 2008,
by a municipality with a population of less than 18,000; and
(ii) the project plan for which includes

1 the alteration, remodeling, repair, or reconstruction of a 2 structure that is included on the National Register of Historic 3 Places and requires that a portion of the tax increment of the zone 4 be used for the improvement or construction of related facilities 5 or for affordable housing;

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6 (B) generates school district taxes that are paid 7 into a tax increment fund created under Chapter 311, Tax Code; and

8 (C) is eligible for tax increment financing under9 Chapter 311, Tax Code;

10 (6) the total dollar amount of any exemptions granted 11 under Section 11.251 or 11.253, Tax Code;

12 (7) the difference between the comptroller's estimate 13 of the market value and the productivity value of land that 14 qualifies for appraisal on the basis of its productive capacity, 15 except that the productivity value estimated by the comptroller may 16 not exceed the fair market value of the land;

17 (8) the portion of the appraised value of residence 18 homesteads of individuals who receive a tax limitation under 19 Section 11.26, Tax Code, on which school district taxes are not 20 imposed in the year that is the subject of the study, calculated as 21 if the residence homesteads were appraised at the full value 22 required by law;

(9) a portion of the market value of property not otherwise fully taxable by the district at market value because of action required by statute or the constitution of this state, other than Section 11.311, Tax Code, that, if the tax rate adopted by the district is applied to it, produces an amount equal to the

difference between the tax that the district would have imposed on the property if the property were fully taxable at market value and the tax that the district is actually authorized to impose on the property, if this subsection does not otherwise require that portion to be deducted;

6 (10) the market value of all tangible personal 7 property, other than manufactured homes, owned by a family or 8 individual and not held or used for the production of income;

9 (11) the appraised value of property the collection of 10 delinquent taxes on which is deferred under Section 33.06, Tax 11 Code;

12 (12) the portion of the appraised value of property 13 the collection of delinquent taxes on which is deferred under 14 Section 33.065, Tax Code;

(13) the amount by which the market value of property [a residence homestead] to which Section 23.23 or 23.231, Tax Code, applies exceeds the appraised value of that property as calculated under Section 23.23 or 23.231, Tax Code, as applicable [that section]; and

(14) the total dollar amount of any exemptions grantedunder Section 11.35, Tax Code.

(i) If the comptroller determines in the study that the market value of property in a school district as determined by the appraisal district that appraises property for the school district, less the total of the amounts and values listed in Subsection (d) as determined by that appraisal district, is valid, the comptroller, in determining the taxable value of property in the school district

under Subsection (d), shall for purposes of Subsection (d)(13) 1 subtract from the market value as determined by the appraisal 2 3 district of properties [residence homesteads] to which Section 23.23 or 23.231, Tax Code, applies the amount by which that amount 4 5 exceeds the appraised value of those properties as calculated by the appraisal district under Section 23.23 or 23.231, Tax Code, as 6 applicable. If the comptroller determines in the study that the 7 8 market value of property in a school district as determined by the appraisal district that appraises property for the school district, 9 less the total of the amounts and values listed in Subsection (d) as 10 determined by that appraisal district, is not valid, the 11 comptroller, in determining the taxable value of property in the 12 school district under Subsection (d), shall for purposes of 13 14 Subsection (d)(13) subtract from the market value as estimated by 15 the comptroller of properties [residence homesteads] to which Section 23.23 or 23.231, Tax Code, applies the amount by which that 16 17 amount exceeds the appraised value of those properties as calculated by the appraisal district under Section 23.23 or 23.231, 18 Tax Code, as applicable. 19

20 SECTION 4.12. Effective January 1, 2027, Sections 21 403.302(d) and (i), Government Code, are amended to read as 22 follows:

(d) For the purposes of this section, "taxable value" meansthe market value of all taxable property less:

(1) the total dollar amount of any residence homestead
exemptions lawfully granted under Section 11.13(b) or (c), Tax
Code, in the year that is the subject of the study for each school

1 district;

2 (2) one-half of the total dollar amount of any 3 residence homestead exemptions granted under Section 11.13(n), Tax 4 Code, in the year that is the subject of the study for each school 5 district;

6 (3) the total dollar amount of any exemptions granted 7 before May 31, 1993, within a reinvestment zone under agreements 8 authorized by Chapter 312, Tax Code;

9 (4) subject to Subsection (e), the total dollar amount 10 of any captured appraised value of property that:

(A) is within a reinvestment zone created on or 11 12 before May 31, 1999, or is proposed to be included within the boundaries of a reinvestment zone as the boundaries of the zone and 13 14 the proposed portion of tax increment paid into the tax increment 15 fund by a school district are described in a written notification provided by the municipality or the board of directors of the zone 16 17 to the governing bodies of the other taxing units in the manner provided by former Section 311.003(e), Tax Code, before May 31, 18 1999, and within the boundaries of the zone as those boundaries 19 existed on September 1, 1999, including subsequent improvements to 20 the property regardless of when made; 21

(B) generates taxes paid into a tax increment
fund created under Chapter 311, Tax Code, under a reinvestment zone
financing plan approved under Section 311.011(d), Tax Code, on or
before September 1, 1999; and

26 (C) is eligible for tax increment financing under
27 Chapter 311, Tax Code;

H.B. No. 2 1 (5) the total dollar amount of any captured appraised 2 value of property that: is within a reinvestment zone: 3 (A) 4 (i) created on or before December 31, 2008, 5 by a municipality with a population of less than 18,000; and 6 (ii) the project plan for which includes 7 the alteration, remodeling, repair, or reconstruction of а 8 structure that is included on the National Register of Historic Places and requires that a portion of the tax increment of the zone 9 10 be used for the improvement or construction of related facilities or for affordable housing; 11 generates school district taxes that are paid 12 (B) into a tax increment fund created under Chapter 311, Tax Code; and 13 14 (C) is eligible for tax increment financing under 15 Chapter 311, Tax Code; 16 (6) the total dollar amount of any exemptions granted 17 under Section 11.251 or 11.253, Tax Code; (7) the difference between the comptroller's estimate 18 19 of the market value and the productivity value of land that qualifies for appraisal on the basis of its productive capacity, 20 except that the productivity value estimated by the comptroller may 21 22 not exceed the fair market value of the land; 23 (8) the portion of the appraised value of residence 24 homesteads of individuals who receive a tax limitation under Section 11.26, Tax Code, on which school district taxes are not 25 26 imposed in the year that is the subject of the study, calculated as 27 if the residence homesteads were appraised at the full value

1 required by law;

2 (9) a portion of the market value of property not 3 otherwise fully taxable by the district at market value because of action required by statute or the constitution of this state, other 4 5 than Section 11.311, Tax Code, that, if the tax rate adopted by the district is applied to it, produces an amount equal to the 6 difference between the tax that the district would have imposed on 7 8 the property if the property were fully taxable at market value and the tax that the district is actually authorized to impose on the 9 10 property, if this subsection does not otherwise require that portion to be deducted; 11

(10) the market value of all tangible personal property, other than manufactured homes, owned by a family or individual and not held or used for the production of income;

(11) the appraised value of property the collection of delinquent taxes on which is deferred under Section 33.06, Tax Code;

18 (12) the portion of the appraised value of property 19 the collection of delinquent taxes on which is deferred under 20 Section 33.065, Tax Code;

(13) the amount by which the market value of a residence homestead to which Section 23.23, Tax Code, applies exceeds the appraised value of that property as calculated under that section; and

(14) the total dollar amount of any exemptions grantedunder Section 11.35, Tax Code.

27 (i) If the comptroller determines in the study that the

1 market value of property in a school district as determined by the appraisal district that appraises property for the school district, 2 3 less the total of the amounts and values listed in Subsection (d) as determined by that appraisal district, is valid, the comptroller, 4 in determining the taxable value of property in the school district 5 under Subsection (d), shall for purposes of Subsection (d)(13) 6 subtract from the market value as determined by the appraisal 7 8 district of residence homesteads to which Section 23.23, Tax Code, applies the amount by which that amount exceeds the appraised value 9 10 of those properties as calculated by the appraisal district under Section 23.23, Tax Code. If the comptroller determines in the 11 12 study that the market value of property in a school district as determined by the appraisal district that appraises property for 13 14 the school district, less the total of the amounts and values listed 15 in Subsection (d) as determined by that appraisal district, is not valid, the comptroller, in determining the taxable value of 16 17 property in the school district under Subsection (d), shall for purposes of Subsection (d)(13) subtract from the market value as 18 estimated by the comptroller of residence homesteads to which 19 Section 23.23, Tax Code, applies the amount by which that amount 20 exceeds the appraised value of those properties as calculated by 21 the appraisal district under Section 23.23, Tax Code. 22

23 SECTION 4.13. Section 23.231, Tax Code, as added by this 24 article, applies only to the appraisal of real property other than a 25 residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes for a tax year that 26 begins on or after the effective date of this article.

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ARTICLE 5. BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF APPRAISAL DISTRICTS

SECTION 5.01. The heading to Section 6.03, Tax Code, is
 amended to read as follows:

3 Sec. 6.03. BOARD OF DIRECTORS <u>IN LESS POPULOUS COUNTIES</u>.
4 SECTION 5.02. Section 6.03, Tax Code, is amended by
5 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
6 follows:

7 (a) <u>This section applies only to an appraisal district</u>
8 <u>established in a county with a population of less than 75,000.</u>

9 (a-1) The appraisal district is governed by a board of 10 directors. Five directors are appointed by the taxing units that participate in the district as provided by this section. If the 11 12 county assessor-collector is not appointed to the board, the county assessor-collector serves as a nonvoting director. 13 The county 14 assessor-collector is ineligible to serve if the board enters into 15 a contract under Section 6.05(b) or if the commissioners court of the county enters into a contract under Section 6.24(b). 16 To be 17 eligible to serve on the board of directors, an individual other than a county assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director 18 must be a resident of the district and must have resided in the 19 district for at least two years immediately preceding the date the 20 individual takes office. An individual who is otherwise eligible 21 to serve on the board is not ineligible because of membership on the 22 governing body of a taxing unit. An employee of a taxing unit that 23 24 participates in the district is not eligible to serve on the board 25 unless the individual is also a member of the governing body or an 26 elected official of a taxing unit that participates in the district. 27

SECTION 5.03. Subchapter A, Chapter 6, Tax Code, is amended
 by adding Section 6.0301 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 6.0301. BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN POPULOUS COUNTIES. (a)
4 This section applies only to an appraisal district established in a
5 county with a population of 75,000 or more.

6 (b) Sections 6.031, 6.034, and 6.10 do not apply to an 7 appraisal district to which this section applies.

8 (c) The appraisal district is governed by a board of nine 9 directors. Five directors are appointed by the taxing units that 10 participate in the district in the manner prescribed by Section 11 <u>6.03</u>. Three directors are elected by majority vote at the general 12 election for state and county officers by the voters of the county 13 in which the district is established. The county assessor-collector 14 serves as an ex officio director.

15 (d) To be eligible to serve on the board of directors, an individual other than the county assessor-collector must be a 16 17 resident of the district and must have resided in the district for at least two years immediately preceding the date the individual 18 19 takes office. An individual who is otherwise eligible to serve on the board is not ineligible because of membership on the governing 20 body of a taxing unit. An employee of a taxing unit that 21 22 participates in the district is not eligible to serve on the board unless the individual is also a member of the governing body or an 23 24 elected official of a taxing unit that participates in the 25 district.

26 (e) Members of the board of directors appointed by the 27 taxing units participating in the district serve staggered

1	four-year terms beginning on January 1 of every other even-numbered
2	year. Elected members of the board of directors serve staggered
3	four-year terms beginning on January 1 of every other odd-numbered
4	year.
5	(f) If a vacancy occurs in an appointive position on the
6	board of directors, each taxing unit that is entitled to vote under
7	Section 6.03 may nominate by resolution adopted by its governing
8	body a candidate to fill the vacancy. The taxing unit shall submit
9	the name of its nominee to the chief appraiser within 45 days after
10	notification from the board of directors of the existence of the
11	vacancy, and the chief appraiser shall prepare and deliver to the
12	board of directors within the next five days a list of the nominees.
13	The board of directors shall appoint by majority vote of its members
14	one of the nominees to fill the vacancy.
15	(g) If a vacancy occurs in an elective position on the board
16	of directors, the board of directors shall appoint by majority vote
17	of its members a person to fill the vacancy. A person appointed to
18	fill a vacancy in an elective position must have the qualifications
19	required of a director elected at a general election.
20	SECTION 5.04. Subchapter A, Chapter 6, Tax Code, is amended
21	by adding Section 6.032 to read as follows:
22	Sec. 6.032. BALLOT PROCEDURES FOR ELECTED DIRECTORS; FILING
23	FEE. (a) Except as provided by this section, Chapter 144, Election
24	Code, applies to a candidate for an elective position on an
25	appraisal district board of directors.
26	(b) An application for a place on the ballot must be filed
27	with the county judge of the county in which the appraisal district

is established and be accompanied by a filing fee of: 1 2 \$400 for a county with a population of 200,000 or (1)3 more; or 4 (2) \$200 for a county with a population of less than 5 200,000. 6 (c) A filing fee received under this section shall be 7 deposited in the county treasury to the credit of the county general 8 fund. 9 SECTION 5.05. The heading to Section 6.033, Tax Code, is amended to read as follows: 10 Sec. 6.033. RECALL OF APPOINTED DIRECTOR. 11 SECTION 5.06. Section 6.033(a), Tax Code, is amended to 12 read as follows: 13 14 (a) The governing body of a taxing unit may call for the 15 recall of an appointed [a] member of the board of directors of an appraisal district [appointed under Section 6.03 of this code] for 16 17 whom the taxing unit cast any of its votes in the appointment of the board. The call must be in the form of a resolution, be filed with 18 the chief appraiser of the appraisal district, and state that the 19 taxing unit is calling for the recall of the member. 20 If a resolution calling for the recall of a board member is filed under 21 this subsection, the chief appraiser, not later than the 10th day 22 after the date of filing, shall deliver a written notice of the 23 24 filing of the resolution and the date of its filing to the presiding officer of the governing body of each taxing unit entitled to vote 25 26 in the appointment of board members. SECTION 5.07. Section 6.036(a), Tax Code, is amended to

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1 read as follows:

2 (a) An individual is not eligible to be <u>a candidate for, to</u> 3 <u>be</u> appointed to<u>,</u> or to serve on the board of directors of an 4 appraisal district if the individual or a business entity in which 5 the individual has a substantial interest is a party to a contract 6 with:

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(1) the appraisal district; or

8 (2) a taxing unit that participates in the appraisal 9 district, if the contract relates to the performance of an activity 10 governed by this title.

SECTION 5.08. Section 6.052(f), Tax Code, as effective January 1, 2024, is amended to read as follows:

The taxpayer liaison officer is 13 (f) responsible for providing clerical assistance to the applicable appointing 14 authority prescribed by Section 6.41(d) [local administrative 15 district judge] in the selection of appraisal review board members 16 17 and for publicizing the availability of positions on the appraisal review board. The officer shall deliver to the applicable 18 19 appointing authority [local administrative district judge] any applications to serve on the board that are submitted to the officer 20 and shall perform other duties as requested by the applicable 21 appointing authority [local administrative district judge]. The 22 23 officer may not influence the process for selecting appraisal 24 review board members.

25 SECTION 5.09. Section 6.41, Tax Code, is amended by 26 amending Subsections (d), (d-1), (d-2), (d-3), (d-5), (d-9), 27 (d-10), (e), (g), (i), and (j) and adding Subsection (d-2-1) to read

1 as follows:

2 (d) Members of the board are appointed by the applicable 3 appointing authority. For an appraisal district to which Section 6.03 applies, the appointing authority is the local administrative 4 5 district judge under Subchapter D, Chapter 74, Government Code, in the county in which the appraisal district is established. For an 6 7 appraisal district to which Section 6.0301 applies, the appointing 8 authority is the board of directors of the district. A vacancy on the board is filled in the same manner for the unexpired portion of 9 10 the term.

(d-1) All applications submitted to the appraisal district 11 12 or to the appraisal review board from persons seeking appointment as a member of the appraisal review board shall be delivered to the 13 14 applicable appointing authority [local administrative district 15 judge]. The appraisal district may provide the appointing authority [local administrative district judge] with information 16 17 regarding whether an applicant for appointment to or a member of the board owes any delinquent ad valorem taxes to a taxing unit 18 19 participating in the appraisal district.

(d-2) A local administrative district judge acting as an 20 appointing authority may make appointments to the board directly or 21 may, by written order, appoint from three to five persons to perform 22 the duties of appraisal review board commissioner. If the local 23 24 administrative district judge chooses to appoint appraisal review board commissioners, each commissioner shall possess the same 25 26 qualifications as those required of an appraisal review board 27 member.

1 (d-2-1) A board of directors acting as an appointing 2 authority must make appointments to the appraisal review board by 3 majority vote, with at least two members of the majority being 4 elected members of the board of directors.

5 (d-3) The <u>applicable appointing authority</u> [local 6 administrative judge] shall cause the proper officer to notify 7 appointees to the board of their appointment, and when and where 8 they are to appear.

9 (d-5) The appraisal district of the county shall provide to 10 the applicable appointing authority [local administrative district judge], or to the appraisal review board commissioners, as the case 11 may be, the number of appraisal review board positions that require 12 appointment and shall provide whatever reasonable assistance is 13 applicable appointing authority 14 requested by the [local 15 administrative district judge] or the commissioners.

16 (d-9) In selecting individuals who are to serve as members 17 of the appraisal review board for an appraisal district described 18 by Subsection (b-2), the <u>board of directors of the district</u> [local 19 administrative district judge] shall select an adequate number of 20 qualified individuals to permit the chairman of the appraisal 21 review board to fill the positions on each special panel 22 established under Section 6.425.

(d-10) Upon selection of the individuals who are to serve as members of the appraisal review board, the <u>applicable appointing</u> <u>authority</u> [local administrative district judge] shall enter an appropriate order designating such members and setting each member's respective term of office, as provided elsewhere in this

1 section.

Members of the board hold office for terms of two years 2 (e) 3 beginning January 1. The appraisal district board of directors by resolution shall provide for staggered terms, so that the terms of 4 as close to one-half of the members as possible expire each 5 year. In making the initial or subsequent appointments, the 6 applicable appointing authority, or the local administrative 7 district [judge or the] judge's designee <u>if the appointing</u> 8 authority is the judge, shall designate those members who serve 9 10 terms of one year as needed to comply with this subsection.

Subsection (a) does not preclude the boards of directors 11 (g) 12 of two or more adjoining appraisal districts from providing for the 13 operation of a consolidated appraisal review board by interlocal 14 contract. Members of a consolidated appraisal review board are 15 appointed jointly by the applicable appointing authorities [local administrative district judges] in the counties in which the 16 17 appraisal districts that are parties to the contract are established. 18

A chief appraiser or another employee or agent of the 19 (i) appraisal district, a member of the appraisal review board for the 20 appraisal district, a member of the board of directors of the 21 appraisal district if the board is established for a district to 22 23 which Section 6.03 applies, a property tax consultant, or an agent 24 of a property owner commits an offense if the person communicates with the applicable appointing authority [local administrative 25 26 district judge] regarding the appointment of appraisal review board 27 members. This subsection does not apply to:

1 (1) a communication between a member of the appraisal 2 review board and the <u>applicable appointing authority</u> [local 3 <u>administrative district judge</u>] regarding the member's 4 reappointment to the board;

5 (2) a communication between the taxpayer liaison 6 officer for the appraisal district and the <u>applicable appointing</u> 7 <u>authority</u> [local administrative district judge] in the course of 8 the performance of the officer's clerical duties so long as the 9 officer does not offer an opinion or comment regarding the 10 appointment of appraisal review board members;

(3) a communication between a chief appraiser 11 or 12 another employee or agent of the appraisal district, a member of the appraisal review board for the appraisal district, or a member of 13 14 the board of directors of the appraisal district if the board is 15 established for a district to which Section 6.03 applies and the applicable appointing authority [local administrative district 16 17 judge] regarding information relating to or described by Subsection (d-1), (d-5), or (f) of this section or Section 411.1296, 18 Government Code; 19

(4) a communication between a property tax consultant 20 or a property owner or an agent of the property owner and the 21 taxpayer liaison officer for the appraisal district regarding 22 information relating to or described by Subsection (f). 23 The 24 taxpayer liaison officer for the appraisal district shall report the contents of the communication relating to or described by 25 26 Subsection (f) to the applicable appointing authority [local administrative district judge]; or 27

1 (5) a communication between a property tax consultant 2 or a property owner or an agent of the property owner and the 3 <u>applicable appointing authority</u> [local administrative district 4 judge] regarding information relating to or described by Subsection 5 (f).

6 (j) A chief appraiser or another employee or agent of an 7 appraisal district commits an offense if the person communicates 8 with a member of the appraisal review board for the appraisal district, a member of the board of directors of the appraisal 9 10 district, or the local administrative district judge, if the judge is the appointing authority for the district, regarding a ranking, 11 12 scoring, or reporting of the percentage by which the appraisal review board or a panel of the board reduces the appraised value of 13 14 property.

15 SECTION 5.10. Section 6.41(f), Tax Code, as amended by 16 Chapters 354 (H.B. 2941) and 533 (S.B. 63), Acts of the 87th 17 Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, is reenacted and amended to 18 read as follows:

A member of the appraisal review board may be removed 19 (f) from the board by the applicable appointing authority, or the local 20 administrative district [judge or the] judge's designee if the 21 appointing authority is the judge. Not later than the 90th day after 22 the date the board of directors, local administrative district 23 24 judge, or judge's designee that appointed a member of the appraisal review board learns of a potential ground for removal of the member, 25 26 the board of directors, local administrative district judge, or judge's designee, as applicable, shall remove the member or find by 27

1 official action that the member's removal is not warranted.
2 Grounds for removal are:

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3 (1) a violation of Section 6.412, 6.413, 41.66(f), or 4 41.69;

5 (2) good cause relating to the attendance of members 6 at called meetings of the board as established by written policy 7 adopted by a majority of the appraisal district board of directors; 8 or

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(3) evidence of repeated bias or misconduct.

10 SECTION 5.11. Section 6.42(a), Tax Code, is amended to read 11 as follows:

12 (a) A majority of the appraisal review board constitutes a quorum. The applicable appointing authority prescribed by Section 13 6.41(d) [local administrative district judge under Subchapter D_r 14 15 Chapter 74, Government Code,] in the county in which the appraisal district is established shall select a chairman and a secretary 16 17 from among the members of the appraisal review board. The applicable appointing authority [judge] is encouraged to select as 18 19 chairman a member of the appraisal review board, if any, who has a background in law and property appraisal. 20

21 SECTION 5.12. Section 6.425(e), Tax Code, is amended to 22 read as follows:

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

27 (1) the number of persons appointed to the board [by

1 the local administrative district judge] who meet those 2 qualifications is not sufficient to fill the positions on each 3 special panel; and

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4 (2) the board member being appointed to the panel5 holds a bachelor's degree in any field.

6 SECTION 5.13. (a) Appraisal district directors shall be 7 elected to the elective positions as provided by Section 6.0301, 8 Tax Code, as added by this article, beginning with the election 9 conducted on the uniform election date in May 2024. The directors 10 then elected take office on July 1, 2024, and serve a term that 11 expires on December 31, 2026.

(b) Following the election of the initial elected directors of an appraisal district as provided by Subsection (a) of this section, directors shall be elected as provided by Section 6.0301, Tax Code, as added by this article, beginning with the general election conducted in November 2026. Directors then elected take office January 1, 2027.

(c) At the first meeting of the board of directors of an appraisal district described by Section 6.0301, Tax Code, as added by this article, that follows the November 2026 general election of directors under that section, the three elected directors shall draw lots to determine which director shall serve a term of two years and which two directors shall serve a term of four years. Thereafter, all elected directors serve four-year terms.

(d) The term of an appraisal district director serving on December 31, 2024, on the board of directors of an appraisal district described by Section 6.0301, Tax Code, as added by this

1 article, expires on January 1, 2025. Not later than December 31, 2 2024, the taxing units participating in the appraisal district that 3 are entitled to appoint directors shall appoint five directors to 4 serve terms that begin on January 1, 2025. Two directors shall be 5 appointed to serve a term of one year, and three directors shall be 6 appointed to serve a term of three years. Thereafter, all appointed 7 directors serve four-year terms.

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ARTICLE 6. TRANSITIONAL TAX YEAR PROVISIONS

9 SECTION 6.01. Section 25.23, Tax Code, is amended by adding
10 Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

11 (a-1) This subsection applies only to the appraisal records 12 for the 2023 tax year. The chief appraiser shall prepare 13 supplemental appraisal records to account for the changes in law 14 made by S.B. 2, Acts of the 88th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 15 2023. This subsection expires December 31, 2024.

SECTION 6.02. Section 26.04, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsections (a-1) and (c-1) to read as follows:

18 (a-1) On receipt of the appraisal roll for the 2023 tax 19 year, the assessor for a taxing unit shall determine the total 20 taxable value of property taxable by the taxing unit and the taxable 21 value of new property as if the changes in law made by S.B. 2, Acts 22 of the 88th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2023, were in effect 23 for that tax year. This subsection expires December 31, 2024.

24 <u>(c-1) An officer or employee designated by the governing</u> 25 <u>body of a taxing unit shall calculate the no-new-revenue tax rate</u> 26 <u>and the voter-approval tax rate of the taxing unit for the 2023 tax</u> 27 <u>year as if the changes in law made by S.B. 2, Acts of the 88th</u>

1	Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2023, were in effect for that tax
2	year. This subsection expires December 31, 2024.
3	SECTION 6.03. Chapter 26, Tax Code, is amended by adding
4	Section 26.0401 to read as follows:
5	Sec. 26.0401. CALCULATION OF CERTAIN TAX RATES FOR 2023 TAX
6	YEAR. (a) For the purposes of calculating the no-new-revenue tax
7	rate, the voter-approval tax rate, and any related tax rate for the
8	2023 tax year, a taxing unit that calculates those rates under a
9	provision of law other than Section 26.04 or 26.08 shall calculate
10	those rates as if the changes in law made by S.B. 2, Acts of the 88th
11	Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2023, were in effect for that tax
12	year.
13	(b) This section expires December 31, 2024.
14	SECTION 6.04. Section 26.08, Tax Code, is amended by adding
15	Subsection (q) to read as follows:
16	(q) For purposes of this section, the voter-approval tax
17	rate of a school district for the 2023 tax year shall be calculated
18	as if the changes in law made by S.B. 2, Acts of the 88th
19	Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2023, were in effect for that tax
20	year. This subsection expires December 31, 2024.
21	SECTION 6.05. Section 26.09, Tax Code, is amended by adding
22	Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:
23	(c-1) The assessor for a taxing unit shall calculate the
24	amount of tax imposed by the taxing unit on property for the 2023
25	tax year as if the changes in law made by S.B. 2, Acts of the 88th
26	Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2023, were in effect for that tax
27	year and also as if the changes in law made by that Act were not in

1 effect for that tax year. This subsection expires December 31,
2 2024.

3 SECTION 6.06. Section 26.15, Tax Code, is amended by adding 4 Subsection (h) to read as follows:

5 (h) The assessor for a taxing unit shall correct the tax 6 roll for the taxing unit for the 2023 tax year to reflect the 7 results of the election to approve the constitutional amendment 8 proposed by H.J.R. 2, 88th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2023. 9 This subsection expires December 31, 2024.

SECTION 6.07. Section 31.01, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d-2), (d-3), (d-4), and (d-5) to read as follows:

12 (d-2) This subsection and Subsections (d-3) and (d-4) apply only to taxes imposed by a taxing unit on property for the 2023 tax 13 year and only if the changes in law made by S.B. 2, Acts of the 88th 14 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2023, would lower the taxes 15 imposed by the taxing unit on the property for that tax year. The 16 17 assessor for the taxing unit shall compute the amount of taxes imposed and the other information required by this section as if the 18 changes in law made by S.B. 2, Acts of the 88th Legislature, 2nd 19 Called Session, 2023, were in effect for that tax year. The tax 20 bill or the separate statement must indicate that the bill is a 21 provisional tax bill and include a statement in substantially the 22 following form: 23

24 <u>"If the Texas Legislature had not enacted property tax relief</u> 25 <u>legislation during the 2023 legislative session, your tax bill</u> 26 <u>would have been \$____ (insert amount of tax bill if the changes in</u> 27 <u>law made by S.B. 2, Acts of the 88th Legislature, 2nd Called</u>

1 Session, 2023, were not in effect for that tax year). Because of action by the Texas Legislature, your tax bill has been lowered by 2 3 \$ (insert difference between amount of tax bill if the changes in law made by S.B. 2, Acts of the 88th Legislature, 2nd Called 4 5 Session, 2023, were not in effect for that tax year and amount of tax bill if that Act were in effect for that tax year), resulting in 6 7 a lower tax bill of \$_____ (insert amount of tax bill if the changes 8 in law made by S.B. 2, Acts of the 88th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2023, were in effect for that tax year), contingent on the 9 10 approval by the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023, of the constitutional amendment proposed by H.J.R. 2, 88th 11 12 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2023. If that constitutional amendment is not approved by the voters at the election, a 13 supplemental tax bill in the amount of \$____ (insert difference 14 15 between amount of tax bill if the changes in law made by S.B. 2, Acts of the 88th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2023, were not in 16 17 effect for that tax year and amount of tax bill if that Act were in effect for that tax year) will be mailed to you." 18

19 (d-3) A tax bill prepared by the assessor for a taxing unit as provided by Subsection (d-2) and mailed as provided by 20 Subsection (a) is considered to be a provisional tax bill until the 21 canvass of the votes on the constitutional amendment proposed by 22 H.J.R. 2, 88th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2023. If the 23 24 constitutional amendment is approved by the voters, the tax bill is considered to be a final tax bill for the taxes imposed on the 25 26 property for the 2023 tax year, and no additional tax bill is required to be mailed unless another provision of this title 27

1	requires the mailing of a corrected tax bill. If the constitutional
2	amendment is not approved by the voters:
3	(1) a tax bill prepared by the assessor as provided by
4	Subsection (d-2) is considered to be a final tax bill but only as to
5	the portion of the taxes imposed on the property for the 2023 tax
6	year that are included in the bill;
7	(2) the amount of taxes imposed by each taxing unit on
8	property for the 2023 tax year is calculated as if the changes in
9	law made by S.B. 2, Acts of the 88th Legislature, 2nd Called
10	Session, 2023, were not in effect for that tax year; and
11	(3) except as provided by Subsections (f), (i-1), and
12	(k), the assessor for each taxing unit shall prepare and mail a
13	supplemental tax bill, by December 1 or as soon thereafter as
14	practicable, in an amount equal to the difference between the
15	amount of the tax bill if the changes in law made by S.B. 2, Acts of
16	the 88th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2023, were not in effect
17	for that tax year and the amount of the tax bill if that Act were in
18	effect for that tax year.
19	(d-4) Except as otherwise provided by Subsection (d-3), the
20	provisions of this section other than Subsection (d-2) apply to a
21	supplemental tax bill mailed under Subsection (d-3).
22	(d-5) This subsection and Subsections (d-2), (d-3), and
23	(d-4) expire December 31, 2024.
24	SECTION 6.08. Section 31.02, Tax Code, is amended by adding
25	Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:
26	(a-1) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section
27	and Sections 31.03 and 31.04, taxes for which a supplemental tax

bill is mailed under Section 31.01(d-3) are due on receipt of the 1 tax bill and are delinquent if not paid before March 1 of the year 2 following the year in which imposed. This subsection expires 3 <u>December 31</u>, 2024. 4 5 ARTICLE 7. CONTINGENT ON PASSAGE OF FRANCHISE TAX REFORM 6 LEGISLATION 7 SECTION 7.01. This Act takes effect only if S.B. 3 or 8 similar legislation of the 88th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2023, relating to the amount of the total revenue exemption for the 9 franchise tax and the exclusion of certain taxable entities from 10 the requirement to file a franchise tax report becomes law in a 11 12 manner described by Section 2001.006(a)(2), Government Code. If legislation described by this section does not become law in a 13 manner described by Section 2001.006(a)(2), Government Code, this 14 15 Act has no effect.

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ARTICLE 8. EFFECTIVE DATES

17 SECTION 8.01. Except as provided by Article 7 of this Act, this Act takes effect as provided by this article. 18

19 SECTION 8.02. Except as otherwise provided by this article, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the 20 legislative session. 21

SECTION 8.03. Article 2 of this Act takes effect on the date 22 23 on which the constitutional amendment proposed by H.J.R. 2, 88th 24 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2023, is approved by the voters. If that amendment is not approved by the voters, Article 2 of this 25 26 Act has no effect.

SECTION 8.04. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of 27

1 this section or as otherwise provided by Article 3 of this Act:

2 (1) Article 3 of this Act takes effect on the date on
3 which the constitutional amendment proposed by H.J.R. 2, 88th
4 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2023, takes effect; and

5 (2) if that amendment is not approved by the voters,6 Article 3 of this Act has no effect.

7 Sections 49.004(a-1), (b-1), and (c-1), (b) 49.0042, 8 49.0121, 49.154(a-2) and (a-3), and 49.308(a-1), Education Code, as added by Article 3 of this Act, take effect immediately if this Act 9 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each 10 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. 11 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for those sections 12 to have immediate effect, those sections take effect on the 91st day 13 14 after the last day of the legislative session.

15 SECTION 8.05. Article 4 of this Act takes effect January 1, 16 2024, but only if the constitutional amendment proposed by 17 H.J.R. 2, 88th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2023, is approved 18 by the voters. If that amendment is not approved by the voters, 19 Article 4 of this Act has no effect.

SECTION 8.06. (a) Article 5 of this Act takes effect as provided by Subsections (b) and (c) of this section, but only if the constitutional amendment proposed by H.J.R. 2, 88th Legislature, 23 2nd Called Session, 2023, is approved by the voters. If that amendment is not approved by the voters, Article 5 of this Act has no effect.

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c) of this section,
Article 5 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2025.

1 (c) Sections 5.04 and 5.13 of this Act take effect on the 2 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.

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3 SECTION 8.07. Article 6 of this Act takes effect 4 immediately if this Act receives a vote of two-thirds of all the 5 members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article 6 III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote 7 necessary for that article to have immediate effect, Article 6 of 8 this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the 9 legislative session.