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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

2 relating to the governance and administration of an appraisal 3 district.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 5.12(b), Tax Code, is amended to read as 6 follows:

7 (b) At the written request of the governing bodies of a majority of the taxing units participating in an appraisal district 8 9 or of a majority of the taxing units entitled to nominate nominees for [vote on the] appointment as [of] appraisal district directors, 10 the comptroller shall audit the performance of the appraisal 11 district. The governing bodies may request a general audit of the 12 performance of the appraisal district or may request an audit of 13 14 only one or more particular duties, practices, functions, departments, or other appraisal district matters. 15

SECTION 2. Section 5.13(h), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

18 (h) At any time after the request for an audit is made, the 19 comptroller may discontinue the audit in whole or in part if 20 requested to do so by:

(1) the governing bodies of a majority of the taxing units participating in the district, if the audit was requested by a majority of those units;

24 (2) the governing bodies of a majority of the taxing

1 units entitled to <u>nominate nominees for</u> [vote on the] appointment
2 <u>as</u> [of] appraisal district directors, if the audit was requested by
3 a majority of those units; or

4 (3) if the audit was requested under Section 5.12(c)
5 [of this code], [by] the taxpayers who requested the audit.

6 SECTION 3. Section 6.03, Tax Code, is amended by amending 7 Subsections (a), (c), (d), (e), (g), (j), (k), and (l) and adding 8 Subsections (a-1), (a-2), (a-3), (d-1), and (m) to read as follows:

9 The appraisal district is governed by a board of (a) 10 directors. Five directors are appointed by the commissioners court of the county in which the appraisal district is established from a 11 12 list of nominees nominated in the manner provided by this section. The commissioners court must appoint one director from each of the 13 four commissioners precincts in the county and one director at 14 large from the county [taxing units that participate in the 15 district as provided by this section]. 16

17 <u>(a-1)</u> If the county assessor-collector is not appointed to 18 the board, the county assessor-collector serves as a nonvoting 19 director. The county assessor-collector is ineligible to serve if 20 the board enters into a contract under Section 6.05(b) or if the 21 commissioners court of the county enters into a contract under 22 Section 6.24(b).

<u>(a-2)</u> To be eligible to serve on the board of directors, an
 individual other than a county assessor-collector serving as a
 nonvoting director must:

26 <u>(1)</u> be a resident of:

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(A) the commissioners precinct from which the

1 office is appointed, in the case of a director appointed from a
2 commissioners precinct; or

3 (B) the county in which the appraisal district is 4 established, in the case of a director appointed at large; 5 [district] and

6 (2) [must] have resided in the district, and if 7 appointed from a commissioners precinct, in that commissioners 8 precinct, for at least two years immediately preceding the date the 9 individual takes office.

10 <u>(a-3)</u> An individual who is otherwise eligible to serve on 11 the board is not ineligible because of membership on the governing 12 body of a taxing unit. An employee of a taxing unit that 13 participates in the district is not eligible to serve on the board 14 unless the individual is also a member of the governing body or an 15 elected official of a taxing unit that participates in the 16 district.

17 (c) The [Members of the board of directors other than a county assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director are 18 19 appointed by vote of the] governing bodies of the incorporated cities and towns, the school districts, the junior college 20 21 districts, and [, if entitled to vote,] the conservation and reclamation districts that participate in the district shall 22 23 nominate nominees to serve on the board of directors of the district 24 in the manner provided by Subsection (d) [and of the county. A governing body may cast all its votes for one candidate or 25 26 distribute them among candidates for any number of directorships. Conservation and reclamation districts are not entitled to vote 27

unless at least one conservation and reclamation district in the district delivers to the chief appraiser a written request to nominate and vote on the board of directors by June 1 of each odd-numbered year. On receipt of a request, the chief appraiser shall certify a list by June 15 of all eligible conservation and reclamation districts that are imposing taxes and that participate in the district].

8 (d) The number of nominees that [voting entitlement of] a taxing unit that is entitled to make nominations may nominate [vote 9 10 for directors] is determined by dividing the total dollar amount of property taxes imposed in the district by the taxing unit for the 11 preceding tax year by the sum of the total dollar amount of property 12 taxes imposed in the district for that year by each taxing unit that 13 14 is entitled to make nominations [vote], [by] multiplying the 15 quotient by 100 [1,000], and [by] rounding the product to the nearest tenth [whole number]. If that number is: 16

17 (1) less than one, the taxing unit may nominate one 18 nominee who resides in the commissioners precinct of the county in 19 which the appraisal district is established in which a majority of 20 the taxing unit is located;

21 (2) one or more but less than five, the taxing unit may 22 nominate two nominees who reside in a commissioners precinct of the 23 county in which the appraisal district is established in which any 24 part of the taxing unit is located;

25 (3) five or more but less than 10, the taxing unit may 26 nominate three nominees who reside in a commissioners precinct of 27 the county in which the appraisal district is established in which

1 any part of the taxing unit is located;

2 (4) 10 or more but less than 20, the taxing unit may 3 nominate four nominees who reside in a commissioners precinct of 4 the county in which the appraisal district is established in which 5 any part of the taxing unit is located; or

6 (5) 20 or more, the taxing unit may nominate four 7 nominees who reside in a commissioners precinct of the county in 8 which the appraisal district is established in which any part of the 9 taxing unit is located and one nominee who resides anywhere in the 10 county [That number is multiplied by the number of directorships to 11 be filled].

12 (d-1) A taxing unit participating in two or more <u>appraisal</u> 13 districts is entitled to <u>nominate nominees for director</u> [vote] in 14 each district in which it participates, but only the taxes imposed 15 in a district are used to calculate <u>the number of nominees the</u> 16 <u>taxing unit is entitled to nominate</u> [voting entitlement] in that 17 district.

The chief appraiser shall calculate the number 18 (e) of 19 nominees [votes to which] each taxing unit [other than a conservation and reclamation district] is entitled to nominate and 20 shall deliver written notice to each of those taxing units of that 21 [its voting entitlement] before October 1 of 22 number each 23 odd-numbered year. The chief appraiser shall deliver the notice:

(1) to the county judge and each commissioner of thecounty served by the appraisal district;

26 (2) to the presiding officer of the governing body of27 each city or town participating in the appraisal district, to the

1 city manager of each city or town having a city manager, and to the 2 city secretary or clerk, if there is one, of each city or town that 3 does not have a city manager;

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4 (3) to the presiding officer of the governing body of
5 each school district participating in the <u>appraisal</u> district and to
6 the superintendent of those school districts; [and]

7 (4) to the presiding officer of the governing body of
8 each junior college district participating in the <u>appraisal</u>
9 district and to the president, chancellor, or other chief executive
10 officer of those junior college districts; and

11 (5) to the presiding officer of each conservation and 12 reclamation district participating in the appraisal district.

Each taxing unit nominates nominees [other than a 13 (g) conservation and reclamation district that is entitled to vote may 14 15 nominate] by resolution adopted by its governing body [one candidate for each position to be filled on the board of directors]. 16 17 The governing body may nominate any number of nominees, provided that the total number of nominees nominated does not exceed the 18 number contained in the notice provided under Subsection (e). The 19 presiding officer of the governing body of the taxing unit shall 20 submit the names of the taxing unit's nominees to the chief 21 appraiser before October 15. 22

(j) Before October 30, the chief appraiser shall prepare a <u>list of</u> [ballot, listing] the <u>nominees</u> [candidates] whose names were timely submitted under <u>Subsection</u> [Subsections] (g) [and, if <u>applicable</u>, (h) or (i)] alphabetically according to the first letter in each <u>nominee's</u> [candidate's] surname, and shall deliver a

1 copy of the <u>list to the commissioners court of the county in which</u>
2 <u>the appraisal district is established</u> [ballot to the presiding
3 <u>officer of the governing body of each taxing unit that is entitled</u>
4 <u>to vote</u>].

5 (k) The commissioners court of the county in which the appraisal district is established by majority vote of its members 6 7 shall select from the list provided under Subsection (j) five 8 nominees who meet the appropriate residency requirements to serve as members of the board of directors of the district [Except as 9 10 provided by Subsection (k-1), the governing body of each taxing unit entitled to vote shall determine its vote by resolution and 11 12 submit it to the chief appraiser before December 15. The chief appraiser shall count the votes, declare the five candidates who 13 14 receive the largest cumulative vote totals elected,] and submit the 15 results before December 31 to the governing body of each taxing unit in the district and to the nominees [candidates. For purposes of 16 17 determining the number of votes received by the candidates, the candidate receiving the most votes of the conservation and 18 reclamation districts is considered to have received all of the 19 votes cast by conservation and reclamation districts and the other 20 candidates are considered not to have received any votes of the 21 conservation and reclamation districts. The chief appraiser shall 22 resolve a tie vote by any method of chance]. 23

(1) <u>A</u> [If a] vacancy [occurs] on the board of directors, other than a vacancy in the position held by a county assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director, is filled in the manner provided by this subsection. If the vacancy is in the

position representing the whole county for which the appraisal 1 district is established, each taxing unit that is entitled to make 2 3 nominations under [vote by] this section may nominate by resolution adopted by its governing body a nominee [candidate] to fill the 4 5 If the vacancy is in a position representing a vacancy. commissioners precinct, each taxing unit that is entitled to make 6 7 nominations under this section any part of which is located in that 8 commissioners precinct may nominate by resolution adopted by its governing body a nominee to fill the vacancy. A nominee must meet 9 the applicable residency requirement under Subsection (a-2) for the 10 vacant position. The taxing unit shall submit the name of its 11 12 nominee to the chief appraiser within 45 days after notification from the board of directors of the existence of the vacancy, and the 13 14 chief appraiser shall prepare and deliver to the commissioners 15 court of the county in which the appraisal district is established [board of directors] within the next five days a list of the 16 17 nominees. The commissioners court [board of directors] shall elect by majority vote of its members one of the nominees to fill the 18 19 vacancy.

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(m) If as a result of a change in the boundaries of a 20 commissioners precinct an individual serving as a director no 21 longer resides in the precinct from which the office is appointed, 22 the individual is not for that reason disqualified from office 23 24 during the remainder of the term of office being served at the time the boundary change takes effect. If as a result of a change in the 25 26 boundaries of a commissioners precinct an individual appointed as a director before the boundary change to a term that begins after the 27

boundary change no longer resides in the precinct from which the 1 office is appointed, the individual is not for that reason 2 disqualified from serving the term to which the individual is 3 4 appointed. 5 SECTION 4. The heading to Section 6.031, Tax Code, is amended to read as follows: 6 Sec. 6.031. CHANGES IN BOARD MEMBERSHIP [OR SELECTION]. 7 SECTION 5. Sections 6.031(a), (b), (b-1), and (e), Tax 8 Code, are amended to read as follows: 9 The commissioners court of the county in which [board of 10 (a) directors of] an appraisal district is established, by resolution 11 adopted and delivered to each taxing unit participating in the 12 district before August 15, may increase the number of members on the 13 14 board of directors of the district to not more than 13[, change the 15 method or procedure for appointing the members, or both,] unless the governing body of a taxing unit that is entitled to nominate 16 17 nominees for [vote on the] appointment as [of] board members adopts a resolution opposing the change $[\tau]$ and files it with the 18 commissioners court [board of directors] before September 1. 19 If a change is rejected, the commissioners court [board] shall notify, 20 in writing, each taxing unit participating in the district before 21 September 15. 22

(b) The taxing units participating in an appraisal district may increase the number of members on the board of directors of the district to not more than 13[, change the method or procedure for appointing the members, or both,] if the governing bodies of three-fourths of the taxing units that are entitled to <u>nominate</u>

1 nominees for [vote on the] appointment as [of] board members adopt resolutions providing for the change. [However, a change under 2 this subsection is not valid if it reduces the voting entitlement of 3 one or more taxing units that do not adopt a resolution proposing it 4 to less than a majority of the voting entitlement under Section 6.03 5 of this code or if it reduces the voting entitlement of any taxing 6 unit that does not adopt a resolution proposing it to less than 50 7 8 percent of its voting entitlement under Section 6.03 of this code and if that taxing unit's allocation of the budget is not reduced to 9 10 the same proportional percentage amount, or if it expands the types 11 of taxing units that are entitled to vote on appointment of board 12 members.]

If [an appraisal district increases] the number of 13 (b-1) 14 members on the board of directors of the district is increased under 15 [or changes the method or procedure for appointing the members as provided by] this section, the commissioners court shall select the 16 17 appropriate number of directors from the list of nominees provided under Section 6.03(j), provided that at least one director is 18 19 appointed from each commissioners precinct in the county, one director is appointed at large from the county, and no more than 20 four directors are appointed from any one commissioners precinct in 21 the county [board of directors by resolution shall provide for the 22 23 junior college districts that participate in the appraisal district 24 to collectively participate in the selection of directors in the same manner as the school district that imposes the lowest total 25 26 dollar amount of property taxes in the appraisal district among all the school districts with representation in the appraisal 27

1 district. A resolution adopted under this section is not subject
2 to rejection by a resolution opposing the change filed with the
3 board of directors by a taxing unit under Subsection (a)].

(e) A change in membership [or selection] made as provided
by this section remains in effect until changed in a manner provided
by this section or rescinded by resolution of a majority of the
governing bodies that are entitled to <u>nominate nominees for</u> [vote
on] appointment <u>as</u> [of] board members under Section 6.03 [of this
code].

10 SECTION 6. Sections 6.033(a), (b), (c), and (d), Tax Code, 11 are amended to read as follows:

The governing body of a taxing unit may call for the 12 (a) recall of a member of the board of directors of an appraisal 13 14 district appointed under Section 6.03 [of this code for] whom the taxing unit nominated for [cast any of its votes in the] appointment 15 to [of] the board. The call must be in the form of a resolution, be 16 17 filed with the chief appraiser of the appraisal district, and state that the taxing unit is calling for the recall of the member. If a 18 resolution calling for the recall of a board member is filed under 19 this subsection, the chief appraiser, not later than the 10th day 20 after the date of filing, shall deliver a written notice of the 21 filing of the resolution and the date of its filing to the presiding 22 23 officer of the governing body of each taxing unit entitled to 24 nominate nominees for [vote in the] appointment as [of] board 25 members.

(b) On or before the 30th day after the date on which aresolution calling for the recall of a member of the board is filed,

1 the governing body of a taxing unit that <u>nominated</u> [cast any of its votes in the appointment of the board for] that member for 2 3 appointment to the board may vote to recall the member by resolution submitted to the chief appraiser. [Each taxing unit is entitled to 4 5 the same number of votes in the recall as it cast for that member in the appointment of the board.] The governing body of the taxing 6 7 unit calling for the recall may cast its vote [votes] in favor of 8 the recall in the same resolution in which it called for the recall.

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9 Not later than the 10th day after the last day provided (c) by this section for voting in favor of the recall, the chief 10 appraiser shall count the votes cast in favor of the recall. 11 If 12 only one taxing unit nominated the member for appointment to the board and that taxing unit votes in favor of the recall, the member 13 is recalled and ceases to be a member of the board. If more than one 14 15 taxing unit nominated the member for appointment to the board and a majority of those taxing units vote in favor of the recall [If the 16 number of votes in favor of the recall equals or exceeds a majority 17 of the votes cast for the member in the appointment of the board], 18 19 the member is recalled and ceases to be a member of the board. The chief appraiser shall immediately notify in writing the presiding 20 officer of the appraisal district board of directors and of the 21 governing body of each taxing unit that voted in the recall election 22 23 of the outcome of the recall election. If the presiding officer of 24 the appraisal district board of directors is the member whose recall was voted on, the chief appraiser shall also notify the 25 26 secretary of the appraisal district board of directors of the outcome of the recall election. 27

1 (d) A [If a] vacancy [occurs] on the board of directors that results from [after] the recall of a member of the board under this 2 3 section is filled in the same manner a vacancy on the board is filled under Section 6.03, except that only the taxing units that 4 5 were entitled to vote in the recall election may nominate a nominee to replace the recalled [shall appoint a new board] member. [Each 6 taxing unit is entitled to the same number of votes as it originally 7 8 cast to appoint the recalled board member. Each taxing unit entitled to vote may nominate one candidate by resolution adopted 9 10 by its governing body. The presiding officer of the governing body of the unit shall submit the name of the unit's nominee to the chief 11 appraiser on or before the 30th day after the date it receives 12 notification from the chief appraiser of the result of the recall 13 election. On or before the 15th day after the last day provided for 14 15 a nomination to be submitted, the chief appraiser shall prepare a ballot, listing the candidates nominated alphabetically according 16 each candidate's surname, and shall deliver a copy of the ballot 17 to the presiding officer of the governing body of each taxing unit 18 19 that is entitled to vote. On or before the 15th day after the date on which a taxing unit's ballot is delivered, the governing body of 20 the taxing unit shall determine its vote by resolution and submit it 21 to the chief appraiser. On or before the 15th day after the last day 22 on which a taxing unit may vote, the chief appraiser shall count the 23 24 votes, declare the candidate who received the largest vote total appointed, and submit the results to the presiding officer of the 25 26 governing body of the appraisal district and of each taxing unit the district and to the candidates. The chief appraiser 27

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1 resolve a tie vote by any method of chance.]

2 SECTION 7. Section 6.037, Tax Code, is amended to read as 3 follows:

4 Sec. 6.037. PARTICIPATION OF CONSERVATION AND RECLAMATION In this title, a 5 DISTRICTS IN APPRAISAL DISTRICT MATTERS. reference to the taxing units entitled to nominate nominees for 6 [vote on the] appointment as [of] appraisal district board members 7 8 includes the conservation and reclamation districts participating in the appraisal district[, without regard to whether the 9 10 conservation and reclamation districts are currently entitled to do so under Section 6.03(c)]. In a provision of this title other than 11 12 Section 6.03 or 6.031 that grants authority to a majority or other number of the taxing units entitled to nominate nominees for [vote 13 14 on the] appointment as [of] appraisal district directors, including the disapproval of the appraisal district budget under Section 6.0615 and the disapproval of appraisal district board actions under 16 17 Section 6.10, the conservation and reclamation districts participating in the appraisal district are given the vote or 18 19 authority of one taxing unit. That vote or authority is considered exercised only if a majority of the conservation and reclamation 20 21 districts take the same action to exercise that vote or authority. Otherwise, the conservation and reclamation districts are treated 22 23 in the same manner as a single taxing unit that is entitled to act 24 but does not take any action on the matter.

25 SECTION 8. Section 6.051(b), Tax Code, is amended to read as 26 follows:

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(b) The acquisition or conveyance of real property or the

1 construction or renovation of a building or other improvement by an appraisal district must be approved by the governing bodies of 2 3 three-fourths of the taxing units entitled to nominate nominees for [vote on the] appointment as [of] board members. The board of 4 directors by resolution may propose a property transaction or other 5 action for which this subsection requires approval of the taxing 6 The chief appraiser shall notify the presiding officer of 7 units. 8 each governing body entitled to vote on the approval of the proposal by delivering a copy of the board's resolution, together with 9 information showing the costs of other available alternatives to 10 On or before the 30th day after the date the the proposal. 11 12 presiding officer receives notice of the proposal, the governing body of a taxing unit by resolution may approve or disapprove the 13 proposal. If a governing body fails to act on or before that 30th 14 15 day or fails to file its resolution with the chief appraiser on or before the 10th day after that 30th day, the proposal is treated as 16 17 if it were disapproved by the governing body.

SECTION 9. Sections 6.06(a), (b), and (i), Tax Code, are amended to read as follows:

20 (a) Each year the chief appraiser shall prepare a proposed budget for the operations of the district for the following tax year 21 and shall submit copies to each taxing unit participating in the 22 23 district and to the district board of directors before June 15. The 24 chief appraiser [He] shall include in the budget a list showing each proposed position, the proposed salary for the position, all 25 26 benefits proposed for the position, each proposed capital expenditure, and an estimate of the amount of the budget that will 27

1 be allocated to each taxing unit. Each taxing unit entitled to 2 <u>nominate nominees for</u> [vote on the] appointment <u>as</u> [of] board 3 members shall maintain a copy of the proposed budget for public 4 inspection at its principal administrative office.

5 The board of directors shall hold a public hearing to (b) consider the budget. The secretary of the board shall deliver to 6 the presiding officer of the governing body of each taxing unit 7 8 participating in the district not later than the 10th day before the date of the hearing a written notice of the date, time, and place 9 10 fixed for the hearing. The board shall complete its hearings, make any amendments to the proposed budget it desires, and finally 11 12 approve a budget before September 15. If the governing bodies of a majority of the taxing units entitled to nominate nominees for 13 14 [vote on the] appointment as [of] board members adopt resolutions 15 disapproving a budget and file them with the secretary of the board within 30 days after its adoption, the budget does not take effect, 16 17 and the board shall adopt a new budget within 30 days of the disapproval. 18

The fiscal year of an appraisal district is the calendar 19 (i) year unless the governing bodies of three-fourths of the taxing 20 units entitled to nominate nominees for [vote on the] appointment 21 as [of] board members adopt resolutions proposing a different 22 23 fiscal year and file them with the secretary of the board not more 24 than 12 and not less than eight months before the first day of the fiscal year proposed by the resolutions. If the fiscal year of an 25 26 appraisal district is changed under this subsection, the chief appraiser shall prepare a proposed budget for the fiscal year as 27

provided by Subsection (a) [of this section] before the 15th day of 1 the seventh month preceding the first day of the fiscal year 2 3 established by the change, and the board of directors shall adopt a budget for the fiscal year as provided by Subsection (b) [of this 4 section] before the 15th day of the fourth month preceding the first 5 day of the fiscal year established by the change. Unless the 6 appraisal district adopts a different method of allocation under 7 8 Section 6.061 [of this code], the allocation of the budget to each taxing unit shall be calculated as provided by Subsection (d) of 9 10 this section using the amount of property taxes imposed by each participating taxing unit in the most recent tax year preceding the 11 fiscal year established by the change for which the necessary 12 information is available. Each taxing unit shall pay its 13 14 allocation as provided by Subsection (e) [of this section], except 15 that the first payment shall be made before the first day of the fiscal year established by the change and subsequent payments shall 16 17 be made quarterly. In the year in which a change in the fiscal year occurs, the budget that takes effect on January 1 of that year may 18 19 be amended as necessary as provided by Subsection (c) [of this section] in order to accomplish the change in fiscal years. 20

21 SECTION 10. Sections 6.061(b) and (e), Tax Code, are 22 amended to read as follows:

(b) The taxing units participating in an appraisal district may adopt a different method of allocating the costs of operating the district if the governing bodies of three-fourths of the taxing units that are entitled to <u>nominate nominees for</u> [vote on the] appointment as [of] board members adopt resolutions providing for

1 the other method. However, a change under this subsection is not 2 valid if it requires any taxing unit to pay a greater proportion of 3 the appraisal district's costs than the <u>taxing</u> unit would pay under 4 Section 6.06 [of this code] without the consent of the governing 5 body of that taxing unit.

6 (e) A change in allocation of district costs made as 7 provided by this section remains in effect until changed in a manner 8 provided by this section or rescinded by resolution of a majority of 9 the governing bodies <u>of the taxing units</u> that are entitled to 10 <u>nominate nominees for</u> [vote on] appointment <u>as</u> [of] board members 11 under Section 6.03 [of this code].

SECTION 11. Section 6.063(b), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The report of the audit is a public record. A copy of the report shall be delivered to the presiding officer of the governing body of each taxing unit <u>that is</u> eligible to <u>nominate</u> <u>nominees for</u> [vote on the] appointment <u>as appraisal</u> [of] district directors, and a reasonable number of copies shall be available for inspection at the appraisal office.

20 SECTION 12. Section 6.10, Tax Code, is amended to read as 21 follows:

Sec. 6.10. DISAPPROVAL OF BOARD ACTIONS. If the governing bodies of <u>two-thirds</u> [a majority] of the taxing units entitled to <u>nominate nominees for</u> [vote on the] appointment <u>as</u> [of] board members adopt resolutions disapproving an action, other than adoption of the budget, by the appraisal district board of directors and file them with the secretary of the board within 15

1 days after the action is taken, the action is revoked effective the 2 day after the day on which the required number of resolutions is 3 filed.

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4 SECTION 13. The following provisions of the Tax Code are 5 repealed:

6 (1) Sections 6.03(f), (h), (i), and (k-1);
7 (2) Section 6.031(g);
8 (3) Section 6.033(e); and

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(4) Section 6.034.

10 SECTION 14. (a) Appraisal district directors shall be 11 appointed in each appraisal district as provided by Section 6.03, 12 Tax Code, as amended by this Act, to serve terms that begin January 13 1, 2024.

(b) The change in the manner of selection of appraisal
district directors made by this Act does not affect the selection of
appraisal district directors serving before January 1, 2024.

17 (c) The term of an appraisal district director serving on18 December 31, 2023, expires on January 1, 2024.

SECTION 15. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, this Act takes effect January 1, 2024.

(b) This section and Section 14 of this Act take effectSeptember 1, 2023.