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H.B. No. 552

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a study by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to  
3 determine standards for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes  
4 of certain agricultural land used to raise or keep bees.

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

6 SECTION 1. STUDY TO DETERMINE STANDARDS FOR APPRAISAL OF  
7 AGRICULTURAL LAND USED TO RAISE OR KEEP BEES. (a) The Texas A&M  
8 AgriLife Extension Service shall conduct a study to determine  
9 standards for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes under  
10 Subchapter D, Chapter 23, Tax Code, of agricultural land used to  
11 raise or keep bees. The standards may vary depending on the  
12 location or size of the land.

13 (b) The study must consider each factor relevant to the  
14 appraisal under Subchapter D, Chapter 23, Tax Code, of agricultural  
15 land used to raise or keep bees, including:

16 (1) any variations that may exist in different  
17 locations or geographic regions of this state that affect  
18 pollination activities or the production of human food or other  
19 tangible personal products having a commercial value;

20 (2) the appropriate number of bee colonies located or  
21 bees raised or kept on the land;

22 (3) the appropriate amount of pollination activity or  
23 of human food or other tangible personal products having a  
24 commercial value produced by bees raised or kept on the land; and

1           (4) any other factor determined by the Texas A&M  
2 AgriLife Extension Service to be relevant to the study.

3           SECTION 2. REPORT. Not later than April 1, 2028, the Texas  
4 A&M AgriLife Extension Service shall submit a report on the results  
5 of the study required to be conducted under this Act to the  
6 governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of  
7 representatives, each member of the legislature, and the  
8 comptroller of public accounts.

9           SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2029.

10          SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
11 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
12 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
13 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
14 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.