

By: González of El Paso

H.B. No. 552

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 552:

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C.S.H.B. No. 552

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
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.