

1-1 By: Darby, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Parker) H.B. No. 2730
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2025;
1-3 May 1, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Local
1-4 Government; May 6, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 6, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Bettencourt	X			
1-9	Middleton	X			
1-10	Cook	X			
1-11	Gutierrez	X			
1-12	Nichols	X			
1-13	Paxton	X			
1-14	West			X	

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the authority of the chief appraiser of an appraisal
1-18 district to require a person allowed an exemption from ad valorem
1-19 taxation of a residence homestead to file a new application or
1-20 confirm the person's current qualification for the exemption.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 11.43, Tax Code, is amended by amending
1-23 Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

1-24 (c) An exemption provided by Section 11.13, 11.131, 11.132,
1-25 11.133, 11.134, 11.17, 11.18, 11.182, 11.1827, 11.183, 11.19,
1-26 11.20, 11.21, 11.22, 11.23(a), (h), (j), (j-1), or (m), 11.231,
1-27 11.254, 11.27, 11.271, 11.29, 11.30, 11.31, 11.315, 11.35, or
1-28 11.36, once allowed, need not be claimed in subsequent years, and
1-29 except as otherwise provided by Subsection (e), the exemption
1-30 applies to the property until it changes ownership or the person's
1-31 qualification for the exemption changes. However, except as
1-32 provided by Subsection (r), and subject to Subsection (c-1), the
1-33 chief appraiser may require a person allowed one of the exemptions
1-34 in a prior year to file a new application to confirm the person's
1-35 current qualification for the exemption by delivering a written
1-36 notice that a new application is required, accompanied by an
1-37 appropriate application form, to the person previously allowed the
1-38 exemption. If the person previously allowed the exemption is 65
1-39 years of age or older, the chief appraiser may not cancel the
1-40 exemption due to the person's failure to file the new application
1-41 unless the chief appraiser complies with the requirements of
1-42 Subsection (q), if applicable.

1-43 (c-1) A chief appraiser may not require a person allowed a
1-44 residence homestead exemption under Section 11.13 to file a new
1-45 application or confirm the person's current qualification for the
1-46 exemption unless the chief appraiser:

1-47 (1) has reason to believe the person no longer
1-48 qualifies for the exemption;

1-49 (2) has attempted to determine whether the person
1-50 still qualifies for the exemption, which may include searching the
1-51 driver's license database maintained by the Department of Public
1-52 Safety; and

1-53 (3) delivers written notice, accompanied by an
1-54 appropriate application form, to the person stating:

1-55 (A) the chief appraiser believes the person may
1-56 no longer qualify for the exemption; and

1-57 (B) the specific reason for the chief appraiser's
1-58 belief.

1-59 SECTION 2. It is the intent of the 89th Legislature, Regular
1-60 Session, 2025, that the amendments made by this Act be harmonized
1-61 with another Act of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025,

2-1 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
2-2 codes.

2-3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-7 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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