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H.B. No. 2550

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the training of certain members of the board of directors of an appraisal district.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 5, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 5.044 to read as follows:

Sec. 5.044. REQUIRED TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF APPRAISAL DISTRICT. (a) Except as provided by this section, a person may not serve as a member of the board of directors of an appraisal district unless the person has completed the course of training prescribed by the comptroller under this section.

(b) A person may serve in a temporary, provisional, or interim capacity as a member of the board of directors of an appraisal district for a period of up to one year without completing the training required by this section.

(c) The comptroller shall prescribe the curriculum for the training program required by this section. The training program must be at least 10 hours in length and provide comprehensive information regarding state and local administration of property taxation, including:

(1) the finance and budgeting requirements for an appraisal district;

(2) the allocation of the budget of an appraisal

1 district among the taxing units that participate in the district;

2 and

3 (3) the methods by which an appraisal district may  
4 determine the value of taxable property within the district.

5 (d) This section does not apply to a nonvoting member of the  
6 board of directors of an appraisal district.

7 SECTION 2. The comptroller of public accounts shall  
8 prescribe the curriculum for the training program required by  
9 Section 5.044, Tax Code, as added by this Act, not later than  
10 January 1, 2026.

11 SECTION 3. Section 5.044, Tax Code, as added by this Act,  
12 applies only to a director of an appraisal district appointed or  
13 elected for a term that begins on or after January 1, 2026.

14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.