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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1760 By: Bettencourt

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the transparent and equitable application of ad valorem
1-20 taxation procedures.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Sections 1.111(f) and (j), Tax Code, are amended
1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 (f) A property owner in writing filed with the appraisal
1-25 district may direct the appraisal district, appraisal review board,
1-26 and each taxing unit participating in the appraisal district to
1-27 deliver all notices, tax bills, refunds, orders, and other
1-28 communications relating to one or more specified items of the
1-29 owner's property to a specified person instead of to the property
1-30 owner. The instrument must clearly identify the person by name and
1-31 give the person's address to which all notices, tax bills, refunds,
1-32 orders, and other communications are to be delivered. The property
1-33 owner may but is not required to designate the person's agent for
1-34 other tax matters designated under Subsection (a) as the person to
1-35 receive all notices, tax bills, refunds, orders, and other
1-36 communications. The designation of an agent for other tax matters
1-37 under Subsection (a) may also provide that the agent is the person
1-38 to whom notices, tax bills, refunds, orders, and other
1-39 communications are to be delivered under this subsection.

1-40 (j) An individual exempt from registration as a property tax
1-41 consultant under Section 1152.002, Occupations Code, who is not
1-42 supervised, directed, or compensated by a person required to
1-43 register as a property tax consultant under that chapter and who
1-44 files a protest with the appraisal review board on behalf of the
1-45 property owner is entitled to receive all notices from the
1-46 appraisal district and appraisal review board regarding the
1-47 property subject to the protest until the authority is revoked by
1-48 the property owner as provided by this section. An individual to
1-49 which this subsection applies who is not designated by the property
1-50 owner to receive notices, tax bills, refunds, orders, and other
1-51 communications as provided by Subsection (f) or Section 1.11 shall
1-52 file a statement with the protest that includes:

1-53 (1) the individual's name and address;

1-54 (2) a statement that the individual is acting on
1-55 behalf of the property owner; and

1-56 (3) a statement of the basis for the individual's
1-57 exemption from registration under Section 1152.002, Occupations
1-58 Code.

1-59 SECTION 2. Chapter 1, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section
1-60 1.14 to read as follows:

2-1 Sec. 1.14. INTEREST RATE. Except as otherwise provided by
2-2 this title, for purposes of a provision of this title providing for
2-3 the accrual of interest, interest accrues at an annual rate equal to
2-4 the sum of two percent and the most recent prime rate quoted and
2-5 published by the Federal Reserve Board as of the first day of the
2-6 month in which the interest is first calculated.

2-7 SECTION 3. Chapter 5, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section
2-8 5.091 to read as follows:

2-9 Sec. 5.091. STATEWIDE LIST OF TAX RATES. (a) Each year the
2-10 comptroller shall prepare a list that includes the total tax rate
2-11 imposed by each taxing unit in this state, other than a school
2-12 district, if the tax rate is reported to the comptroller, for the
2-13 year preceding the year in which the list is prepared. The
2-14 comptroller shall list the tax rates in descending order.

2-15 (b) Not later than December 31 of each year, the comptroller
2-16 shall publish on the comptroller's Internet website the list
2-17 required by Subsection (a).

2-18 SECTION 4. Section 11.135(c), Tax Code, is amended to read
2-19 as follows:

2-20 (c) If an owner receives an exemption for property under
2-21 Section 11.13 under the circumstances described by Subsection (a)
2-22 and sells the property before the owner completes construction of a
2-23 replacement qualified residential structure on the property, an
2-24 additional tax is imposed on the property equal to the difference
2-25 between the taxes imposed on the property for each of the years in
2-26 which the owner received the exemption and the tax that would have
2-27 been imposed had the owner not received the exemption in each of
2-28 those years, plus interest at the rate provided by Section 1.14 [~~an~~
2-29 ~~annual rate of seven percent~~] calculated from the dates on which the
2-30 differences would have become due.

2-31 SECTION 5. Section 11.181(e), Tax Code, is amended to read
2-32 as follows:

2-33 (e) If the organization that owns improved or unimproved
2-34 real property that has been exempted under Subsection (a) sells the
2-35 property to a person other than an individual or family satisfying
2-36 the organization's low-income or other eligibility requirements, a
2-37 penalty is imposed on the property equal to the amount of the taxes
2-38 that would have been imposed on the property in each tax year that
2-39 the property was exempted from taxation under Subsection (a), plus
2-40 interest at the rate provided by Section 1.14 [~~an annual rate of 12~~
2-41 ~~percent~~] calculated from the dates on which the taxes would have
2-42 become due.

2-43 SECTION 6. Section 11.185(e), Tax Code, is amended to read
2-44 as follows:

2-45 (e) If the organization that owns improved or unimproved
2-46 real property that has been exempted under Subsection (a) sells the
2-47 property to a person other than a person described by Section
2-48 2306.786(b)(1), Government Code, a penalty is imposed on the
2-49 property equal to the amount of the taxes that would have been
2-50 imposed on the property in each tax year that the property was
2-51 exempted from taxation under Subsection (a), plus interest at the
2-52 rate provided by Section 1.14 of this code [~~an annual rate of 12~~
2-53 ~~percent~~] computed from the dates on which the taxes would have
2-54 become due.

2-55 SECTION 7. Section 11.201(a), Tax Code, is amended to read
2-56 as follows:

2-57 (a) If land is sold or otherwise transferred to another
2-58 person in a year in which the land receives an exemption under
2-59 Section 11.20(a)(6), an additional tax is imposed on the land equal
2-60 to the tax that would have been imposed on the land had the land been
2-61 taxed for each of the five years preceding the year in which the
2-62 sale or transfer occurs in which the land received an exemption
2-63 under that subsection, plus interest at the rate provided by
2-64 Section 1.14 [~~an annual rate of seven percent~~] calculated from the
2-65 dates on which the taxes would have become due.

2-66 SECTION 8. Section 11.431(b), Tax Code, is amended to read
2-67 as follows:

2-68 (b) If a late application is approved after approval of the
2-69 appraisal records by the appraisal review board, the chief

3-1 appraiser shall notify the collector for each unit in which the
 3-2 residence is located. The collector shall deduct from the person's
 3-3 tax bill the amount of tax imposed on the exempted amount if the tax
 3-4 has not been paid. If the tax has been paid, the collector shall
 3-5 refund the amount of tax imposed on the exempted amount. A person
 3-6 is not required to apply for a refund under this subsection to
 3-7 receive the refund.

3-8 SECTION 9. Section 23.46(c), Tax Code, is amended to read as
 3-9 follows:

3-10 (c) If land that has been designated for agricultural use in
 3-11 any year is sold or diverted to a nonagricultural use, the total
 3-12 amount of additional taxes for the three years preceding the year in
 3-13 which the land is sold or diverted plus interest at the rate
 3-14 provided by Section 1.14 [~~for delinquent taxes~~] becomes due. A
 3-15 determination that the land has been diverted to a nonagricultural
 3-16 use is made by the chief appraiser. For purposes of this
 3-17 subsection, the chief appraiser may not consider any period during
 3-18 which land is owned by the state in determining whether the land has
 3-19 been diverted to a nonagricultural use. The chief appraiser shall
 3-20 deliver a notice of the determination to the owner of the land as
 3-21 soon as possible after making the determination and shall include
 3-22 in the notice an explanation of the owner's right to protest the
 3-23 determination. If the owner does not file a timely protest or if
 3-24 the final determination of the protest is that the additional taxes
 3-25 are due, the assessor for each taxing unit shall prepare and deliver
 3-26 a bill for the additional taxes plus interest as soon as practicable
 3-27 after the change of use occurs. If the additional taxes are due
 3-28 because of a sale of the land, the assessor for each taxing unit
 3-29 shall prepare and deliver the bill as soon as practicable after the
 3-30 sale occurs. The taxes and interest are due and become delinquent
 3-31 and incur penalties and interest as provided by law for ad valorem
 3-32 taxes imposed by the taxing unit if not paid before the next
 3-33 February 1 that is at least 20 days after the date the bill is
 3-34 delivered to the owner of the land.

3-35 SECTION 10. Section 23.55(a), Tax Code, is amended to read
 3-36 as follows:

3-37 (a) If the use of land that has been appraised as provided by
 3-38 this subchapter changes, an additional tax is imposed on the land
 3-39 equal to the difference between the taxes imposed on the land for
 3-40 each of the five years preceding the year in which the change of use
 3-41 occurs that the land was appraised as provided by this subchapter
 3-42 and the tax that would have been imposed had the land been taxed on
 3-43 the basis of market value in each of those years, plus interest at
 3-44 the rate provided by Section 1.14 [~~an annual rate of seven percent~~]
 3-45 calculated from the dates on which the differences would have
 3-46 become due. For purposes of this subsection, the chief appraiser
 3-47 may not consider any period during which land is owned by the state
 3-48 in determining whether a change in the use of the land has occurred.

3-49 SECTION 11. Section 23.76(a), Tax Code, is amended to read
 3-50 as follows:

3-51 (a) If the use of land that has been appraised as provided by
 3-52 this subchapter changes, an additional tax is imposed on the land
 3-53 equal to the difference between the taxes imposed on the land for
 3-54 each of the five years preceding the year in which the change of use
 3-55 occurs that the land was appraised as provided by this subchapter
 3-56 and the tax that would have been imposed had the land been taxed on
 3-57 the basis of market value in each of those years, plus interest at
 3-58 the rate provided by Section 1.14 [~~an annual rate of seven percent~~]
 3-59 calculated from the dates on which the differences would have
 3-60 become due.

3-61 SECTION 12. Section 23.86(a), Tax Code, is amended to read
 3-62 as follows:

3-63 (a) If land that has been appraised under this subchapter is
 3-64 no longer subject to a deed restriction or is diverted to a use
 3-65 other than recreational, park, or scenic uses, an additional tax is
 3-66 imposed on the land equal to the difference between the taxes
 3-67 imposed on the land for each of the five years preceding the year in
 3-68 which the change of use occurs or the deed restriction expires that
 3-69 the land was appraised as provided by this subchapter and the tax

4-1 that would have been imposed had the land not been restricted to
4-2 recreational, park, or scenic uses in each of those years, plus
4-3 interest at the rate provided by Section 1.14 [~~an annual rate of~~
4-4 ~~seven percent~~] calculated from the dates on which the differences
4-5 would have become due.

4-6 SECTION 13. Section 23.96(a), Tax Code, is amended to read
4-7 as follows:

4-8 (a) If airport property that has been appraised under this
4-9 subchapter is no longer subject to a deed restriction, an
4-10 additional tax is imposed on the property equal to the difference
4-11 between the taxes imposed on the property for each of the five years
4-12 preceding the year in which the deed restriction expires that the
4-13 property was appraised as provided by this subchapter and the tax
4-14 that would have been imposed had the property not been restricted to
4-15 use as public access airport property in each of those years, plus
4-16 interest at the rate provided by Section 1.14 [~~an annual rate of~~
4-17 ~~seven percent~~] calculated from the dates on which the differences
4-18 would have become due.

4-19 SECTION 14. Sections 23.9807(a) and (b), Tax Code, are
4-20 amended to read as follows:

4-21 (a) If the use of land that has been appraised as provided by
4-22 this subchapter changes to a use that qualifies the land for
4-23 appraisal under Subchapter E, an additional tax is imposed on the
4-24 land equal to the sum of:

4-25 (1) the difference between:
4-26 (A) the taxes imposed on the land for each of the
4-27 five years preceding the year in which the change of use occurs that
4-28 the land was appraised as provided by this subchapter; and

4-29 (B) the taxes that would have been imposed had
4-30 the land been appraised under Subchapter E in each of those years;
4-31 and

4-32 (2) interest at the rate provided by Section 1.14 [~~an~~
4-33 ~~annual rate of seven percent~~] calculated from the dates on which the
4-34 differences would have become due.

4-35 (b) If the use of land that has been appraised as provided by
4-36 this subchapter changes to a use that does not qualify the land for
4-37 appraisal under Subchapter E or under this subchapter, an
4-38 additional tax is imposed on the land equal to the sum of:

4-39 (1) the difference between:
4-40 (A) the taxes imposed on the land for each of the
4-41 five years preceding the year in which the change of use occurs that
4-42 the land was appraised as provided by this subchapter; and

4-43 (B) the taxes that would have been imposed had
4-44 the land been taxed on the basis of market value in each of those
4-45 years; and

4-46 (2) interest at the rate provided by Section 1.14 [~~an~~
4-47 ~~annual rate of seven percent~~] calculated from the dates on which the
4-48 differences would have become due.

4-49 SECTION 15. Section 26.06(d), Tax Code, is amended to read
4-50 as follows:

4-51 (d) At the public hearings the governing body shall announce
4-52 the date, time, and place of the meeting at which it will vote on the
4-53 proposed tax rate. After each hearing the governing body shall
4-54 give notice of the meeting at which it will vote on the proposed tax
4-55 rate and the notice shall be in the same form as prescribed by
4-56 Subsections (b) and (c), except that it must state the following:

4-57 "NOTICE OF TAX REVENUE INCREASE
4-58 "The (name of the taxing unit) conducted public hearings on
4-59 (date of first hearing) and (date of second hearing) on a proposal
4-60 to increase the total tax revenues of the (name of the taxing unit)
4-61 from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by (percentage
4-62 by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or
4-63 effective tax rate calculated under this chapter) percent.

4-64 "The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last
4-65 year's tax rate of (insert tax rate for the preceding year) for each
4-66 \$100 of taxable value was (insert total amount of taxes imposed in
4-67 the preceding year).

4-68 "The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the
4-69 proposed tax rate of (insert proposed tax rate) for each \$100 of

5-1 taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property
 5-2 added to the tax roll this year, is (insert amount computed by
 5-3 multiplying proposed tax rate by the difference between current
 5-4 total value and new property value).

5-5 "The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the
 5-6 proposed tax rate of (insert proposed tax rate) for each \$100 of
 5-7 taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property
 5-8 added to the tax roll this year, is (insert amount computed by
 5-9 multiplying proposed tax rate by current total value).

5-10 "The (governing body of the taxing unit) is scheduled to vote
 5-11 on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public
 5-12 meeting to be held on (date of meeting) at (location of meeting,
 5-13 including mailing address) at (time of meeting).

5-14 "The (governing body of the taxing unit) proposes to use the
 5-15 increase in total tax revenue for the purpose of (description of
 5-16 purpose of increase)."

5-17 SECTION 16. Section 26.09(d), Tax Code, is amended to read
 5-18 as follows:

5-19 (d) If a property is subject to taxation for a prior year in
 5-20 which it escaped taxation, the assessor shall calculate the tax for
 5-21 each year separately. In calculating the tax, the assessor shall
 5-22 use the assessment ratio and tax rate in effect in the unit for the
 5-23 year for which back taxes are being imposed. Except as provided by
 5-24 Subsection (d-1), the amount of back taxes due incurs interest
 5-25 calculated at the rate provided by Section 1.14 [~~33.01(c)~~] from the
 5-26 date the tax would have become delinquent had the tax been imposed
 5-27 in the proper tax year.

5-28 SECTION 17. Section 26.15(f), Tax Code, is amended to read
 5-29 as follows:

5-30 (f) If a correction that decreases the tax liability of a
 5-31 property owner is made after the owner has paid the tax, the taxing
 5-32 unit shall refund to the property owner the difference between the
 5-33 tax paid and the tax legally due, except as provided by Section
 5-34 25.25(n). A property owner is not required to apply for a refund
 5-35 under this subsection to receive the refund.

5-36 SECTION 18. Section 26.08(b), Tax Code, is amended to read
 5-37 as follows:

5-38 (b) The governing body shall order that the election be held
 5-39 in the school district on a date not less than 30 or more than 90
 5-40 days after the day on which it adopted the tax rate. Section
 5-41 41.001, Election Code, does not apply to the election unless a date
 5-42 specified by that section falls within the time permitted by this
 5-43 section. At the election, the ballots shall be prepared to permit
 5-44 voting for or against the proposition: "Approving the ad valorem
 5-45 tax rate of \$_____ per \$100 valuation in (name of school district)
 5-46 for the current year, a rate that is \$_____ higher per \$100
 5-47 valuation than the school district rollback tax rate, for the
 5-48 purpose of (description of purpose of increase)." The ballot
 5-49 proposition must include the adopted tax rate and the difference
 5-50 between that rate and the rollback tax rate in the appropriate
 5-51 places.

5-52 SECTION 19. Section 31.12(a), Tax Code, is amended to read
 5-53 as follows:

5-54 (a) If a refund of a tax provided by Section 11.431(b),
 5-55 26.07(g), 26.15(f), 31.11, or 31.111 is paid on or before the 60th
 5-56 day after the date the liability for the refund arises, no interest
 5-57 is due on the amount refunded. If not paid on or before that 60th
 5-58 day, the amount of the tax to be refunded accrues interest at the
 5-59 rate provided by Section 1.14 [a rate of one percent for each month
 5-60 or part of a month that the refund is unpaid], beginning with the
 5-61 date on which the liability for the refund arises.

5-62 SECTION 20. Section 33.01(c), Tax Code, is amended to read
 5-63 as follows:

5-64 (c) A delinquent tax accrues interest at the rate provided
 5-65 by Section 1.14 [a rate of one percent for each month or portion of a
 5-66 month the tax remains unpaid]. Interest payable under this section
 5-67 is to compensate the taxing unit for revenue lost because of the
 5-68 delinquency. A delinquent tax continues to accrue interest under
 5-69 this subsection as long as the tax remains unpaid, regardless of

6-1 whether a judgment for the delinquent tax has been rendered.

6-2 SECTION 21. Section 33.06(d), Tax Code, is amended to read
6-3 as follows:

6-4 (d) A tax lien remains on the property and interest
6-5 continues to accrue during the period collection of taxes is
6-6 deferred or abated under this section. The annual interest rate
6-7 during the deferral or abatement period is the rate provided by
6-8 Section 1.14 [eight percent instead of the rate provided by Section
6-9 33.01]. Interest and penalties that accrued or that were incurred
6-10 or imposed under Section 33.01 or 33.07 before the date the
6-11 individual files the deferral affidavit under Subsection (b) or the
6-12 date the judgment abating the suit is entered, as applicable, are
6-13 preserved. A penalty under Section 33.01 is not incurred during a
6-14 deferral or abatement period. The additional penalty under Section
6-15 33.07 may be imposed and collected only if the taxes for which
6-16 collection is deferred or abated remain delinquent on or after the
6-17 181st day after the date the deferral or abatement period expires.
6-18 A plea of limitation, laches, or want of prosecution does not apply
6-19 against the taxing unit because of deferral or abatement of
6-20 collection as provided by this section.

6-21 SECTION 22. Section 33.065(g), Tax Code, is amended to read
6-22 as follows:

6-23 (g) A tax lien remains on the property and interest
6-24 continues to accrue during the period collection of delinquent
6-25 taxes is deferred or abated under this section. The annual interest
6-26 rate during the deferral or abatement period is the rate provided by
6-27 Section 1.14 [eight percent instead of the rate provided by Section
6-28 33.01]. Interest and penalties that accrued or that were incurred
6-29 or imposed under Section 33.01 or 33.07 before the date the
6-30 individual files the deferral affidavit under Subsection (c) or the
6-31 date the judgment abating the suit is entered, as applicable, are
6-32 preserved. A penalty is not incurred on the delinquent taxes for
6-33 which collection is deferred or abated during a deferral or
6-34 abatement period. The additional penalty under Section 33.07 may
6-35 be imposed and collected only if the delinquent taxes for which
6-36 collection is deferred or abated remain delinquent on or after the
6-37 91st day after the date the deferral or abatement period expires. A
6-38 plea of limitation, laches, or want of prosecution does not apply
6-39 against the taxing unit because of deferral or abatement of
6-40 collection as provided by this section.

6-41 SECTION 23. Section 42.23, Tax Code, is amended by adding
6-42 Subsection (i) to read as follows:

6-43 (i) When an appraisal district employee testifies as to the
6-44 value of real property in an appeal under Section 42.25 or 42.26,
6-45 the court may give preference to an employee who is a person
6-46 authorized to perform an appraisal of real estate under Section
6-47 1103.201, Occupations Code.

6-48 SECTION 24. Sections 42.42(c) and (d), Tax Code, are
6-49 amended to read as follows:

6-50 (c) If the final determination of an appeal occurs after the
6-51 property owner has paid a portion of the tax finally determined to
6-52 be due as required by Section 42.08, the assessor for each affected
6-53 taxing unit shall prepare and mail a supplemental tax bill in the
6-54 form and manner prescribed by Subsection (b). The additional tax is
6-55 due and becomes delinquent as provided by Subsection (b), but the
6-56 property owner is liable for [~~penalties and~~] interest on the tax
6-57 included in the supplemental bill calculated at the rate provided
6-58 by Section 1.14 [~~as provided by Section 33.01~~] as if the tax
6-59 included in the supplemental bill became delinquent on the original
6-60 delinquency date prescribed by Chapter 31. The property owner and
6-61 the chief appraiser may agree in writing to waive the interest
6-62 provided by this subsection on the additional tax due each affected
6-63 taxing unit for the period between the original delinquency date
6-64 and the first day of the next month that is at least 21 days after
6-65 the date the assessor for the taxing unit mails a supplemental tax
6-66 bill under this subsection.

6-67 (d) If the property owner did not pay any portion of the
6-68 taxes imposed on the property because the court found that payment
6-69 would constitute an unreasonable restraint on the owner's right of

7-1 access to the courts as provided by Section 42.08(d), after the
7-2 final determination of the appeal the assessor for each affected
7-3 taxing unit shall prepare and mail a supplemental tax bill in the
7-4 form and manner prescribed by Subsection (b). The additional tax is
7-5 due and becomes delinquent as provided by Subsection (b), but the
7-6 property owner is liable for interest on the tax included in the
7-7 supplemental bill calculated as provided by Section 1.14 [33.01] as
7-8 if the tax included in the supplemental bill became delinquent on
7-9 the delinquency date prescribed by Chapter 31.

7-10 SECTION 25. Section 42.43(b), Tax Code, is amended to read
7-11 as follows:

7-12 (b) For a refund made under this section, the taxing unit
7-13 shall include with the refund interest on the amount refunded
7-14 [~~calculated~~] at the rate provided by Section 1.14 [~~an annual rate~~
7-15 ~~that is equal to the sum of two percent and the most recent prime~~
7-16 ~~rate quoted and published by the Federal Reserve Board as of the~~
7-17 ~~first day of the month in which the refund is made, but not more than~~
7-18 ~~a total of eight percent,~~] calculated from the delinquency date for
7-19 the taxes until the date the refund is made.

7-20 SECTION 26. Sections 140.010(e) and (f), Local Government
7-21 Code, are amended to read as follows:

7-22 (e) A county or municipality that proposes a property tax
7-23 rate that exceeds the lower of the effective tax rate or the
7-24 rollback tax rate shall provide the following notice:

7-25 "NOTICE OF (INSERT CURRENT TAX YEAR) TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX
7-26 RATE FOR (INSERT NAME OF COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY)
7-27 "A tax rate of \$_____ per \$100 valuation has been proposed for
7-28 adoption by the governing body of (insert name of county or
7-29 municipality). This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or
7-30 rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings
7-31 be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.
7-32 The governing body of (insert name of county or municipality)
7-33 proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for
7-34 the purpose of (description of purpose of increase).

7-35	PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$_____ per \$100
7-36	PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$_____ per \$100
7-37	EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$_____ per \$100
7-38	ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$_____ per \$100

7-39 "The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the
7-40 same amount of property tax revenue for (insert name of county or
7-41 municipality) from the same properties in both the (insert
7-42 preceding tax year) tax year and the (insert current tax year) tax
7-43 year.

7-44 "The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that (insert name of
7-45 county or municipality) may adopt before voters are entitled to
7-46 petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to
7-47 the rollback rate.

7-48 "YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS
7-49 FOLLOWS:

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$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) /$$

7-51
$$100$$

7-52 "For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations,
7-53 please contact:

7-54 (insert name of county or municipal tax assessor-collector)
7-55 (insert name of county or municipality) tax
7-56 assessor-collector
7-57 (insert address)
7-58 (insert telephone number)
7-59 (insert e-mail address)
7-60 (insert Internet website address, if applicable)

7-61 "You are urged to attend and express your views at the following
7-62 public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

7-63 First Hearing: (insert date and time) at (insert location of
7-64 meeting).

7-65 Second Hearing: (insert date and time) at (insert location
7-66 of meeting)."

7-67 (f) A county or municipality shall:

7-68 (1) provide the notice required by Subsection (d) or
7-69 (e), as applicable, by the earlier of October [~~not later than~~

8-1 ~~September]~~ 1 or the 30th day after the date the taxing unit's
8-2 appraisal roll is certified by:

8-3 (A) publishing the notice in a newspaper having
8-4 general circulation in:

8-5 (i) the county, in the case of notice
8-6 published by a county; or

8-7 (ii) the county in which the municipality
8-8 is located or primarily located, in the case of notice published by
8-9 a municipality; or

8-10 (B) mailing the notice to each property owner in:
8-11 (i) the county, in the case of notice

8-12 provided by a county; or
8-13 (ii) the municipality, in the case of

8-14 notice provided by a municipality; and
8-15 (2) post the notice on the Internet website of the

8-16 county or municipality, if applicable, beginning by the earlier of
8-17 October [not later than September] 1 or the 30th day after the date
8-18 the taxing unit's appraisal roll is certified and continuing until
8-19 the county or municipality adopts a tax rate.

8-20 SECTION 27. Subchapter H, Chapter 49, Water Code, is
8-21 amended by adding Section 49.2361 to read as follows:

8-22 Sec. 49.2361. ADDITIONAL NOTICE FOR CERTAIN TAX INCREASES.

8-23 If a district proposes to adopt a combined tax rate that would
8-24 authorize the qualified voters of the district by petition to
8-25 require a rollback election to be held in the district, the notice
8-26 required by Section 49.236 must include a description of the
8-27 purpose of the proposed tax increase.

8-28 SECTION 28. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the
8-29 changes in law made by this Act apply only to an ad valorem tax year
8-30 that begins on or after the effective date of this Act.

8-31 (b) The change in law made by this Act to a provision of
8-32 Title 1, Tax Code, that affects the amount or rate of any penalty or
8-33 interest due applies only to penalties and interest that accrue on
8-34 or after the effective date of this Act. Penalties and interest
8-35 that accrued before the effective date of this Act are governed by
8-36 the law in effect when the penalties and interest accrued, and that
8-37 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

8-38 SECTION 29. Notwithstanding Section 30, Section 23 of this
8-39 Act takes effect January 1, 2020.

8-40 SECTION 30. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.

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