

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, there are no education or training requirements in Texas for appraisal review board members. While most appraisal districts hold orientation and training sessions for review board members, there are no uniform guidelines for the scope or content of these training sessions. This bill requires the comptroller of public accounts to implement certain provisions regarding the training of appraisal review board members.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1017 requires the comptroller of public accounts to implement certain provisions regarding the training of appraisal review board members.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 5, Tax Code, by adding Section 5.041, as follows:

Sec. 5.041. TRAINING OF APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD MEMBERS. Requires the comptroller of public accounts to provide standards for training and educating members of an appraisal review board (board), approve curricula and materials for use in the training of board members, and establish standards for a certificate of training and education completion and for the issuance of a certificate to persons completing the training and education. Requires a member of the appraisal review board established for an appraisal district in a county with a population of 50,000 or more to complete training and education that meets standards established under Subsection (a). Prohibits a member of the appraisal review board from participating in a hearing conducted by the board unless the person meets certain qualifications. Prohibits the training and education required by this section from being provided by an appraisal district (district) or a taxing unit.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 6.412, Tax Code, by adding Subsection (c), to provide that a person is ineligible to serve on the appraisal review board if the person is a former member or employee of certain entities associated with the district.

SECTION 3. (a) Makes application of this Act prospective.

(b) Requires the comptroller to implement Section 5.041, Tax Code, before January 1, 1998.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 5. Emergency clause.