

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, property tax consultants are only authorized to sell consulting services unless the consultant is affiliated with a registered senior property tax consultant in certain ways. Expanding this requirement to include consultants working under Texas-licensed lawyers provides potential benefits of increased job options for consultants, broadened representation for attorneys, and increased consulting options for consumers.

H.B. 2352 authorizes property tax consultants to work under the supervision of Texas-licensed attorneys.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 1152.152(a), Occupations Code, by prohibiting a registered property tax consultant from performing property tax consulting services for compensation unless the consultant is employed by or associated with and acting for a registered senior property tax consultant or an attorney licensed to practice law in this state.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2007.