

SUBJECT: Extending the deadline for requesting arbitration to appeal an ARB order

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 10 ayes — Burrows, Guillen, Bohac, Cole, Martinez Fischer, Murphy, Noble, Sanford, Shaheen, Wray

0 nays

1 absent — E. Rodriguez

WITNESSES: For — Michael Henry, Ryan, LLC; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Julia Rathgeber, Association of Electric Companies of Texas; Roland Altinger, Harris County Appraisal District; Matt Grabner, Ryan, LLC; Ray Head, Texas Association of Property Tax Professionals; Daniel Gonzalez and Julia Parenteau, Texas Realtors; James Popp)

Against — None

BACKGROUND: Tax Code sec. 41A.03 requires a property owner who seeks to appeal an appraisal review board order through binding arbitration to file a completed request for binding arbitration and the applicable fee with the appraisal district within 45 days of receiving notice of the order.

DIGEST: HB 1802 would extend the deadline for a property owner to file a request for binding arbitration to appeal an appraisal review board (ARB) order to within 60 days of receiving the order.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2019. The bill would apply only to an appeal of an ARB order that a property owner received notice of on or after the effective date.