Ch. 357 83rd LEGISLATURE—REGULAR SESSION

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 130, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 130.0865 to read as follows:

Sec. 130.0865. SECURITY FOR REVENUE BONDS ISSUED FOR BRANCH CAMPUSES, CENTER, OR EXTENSION FACILITY. Bonds payable from revenue and issued by the governing body of a county or school district to finance the purchase of land or the construction of a facility to be used for a branch campus, center, or extension facility authorized under Section 130.086 may be secured by a trust indenture, a deed of trust, or a mortgage granting a security interest in the applicable land or facility.

SECTION 2. Section 130.087(k), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(k) The proceeds of the junior college district branch campus maintenance tax may be used only as follows:

(1) to operate and maintain a junior college district branch campus and [to] support its programs and services in the area of the political subdivision [a jurisdiction] that levied the [levies a junior college district branch campus maintenance] tax; and

(2) under an agreement by the applicable junior college district and the political subdivision levying the tax, to make lease payments to the political subdivision for facilities used exclusively by the branch campus that are owned by the political subdivision [to operate, maintain, and support the same junior college district branch campus].

SECTION 3. (a) The change in law made by this Act in adding Section 130.0865, Education Code, applies only to a bond issued on or after the effective date of this Act. A bond issued before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the bond was issued, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

(b) The change in law made by this Act in amending Section 130.087, Education Code, applies to the proceeds of a junior college district branch campus maintenance tax levied under Section 130.087, Education Code, without regard to whether imposition of the tax was approved by the voters or the proceeds were derived from taxes imposed before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 2, 2013: Yeas 146, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 358

H.B. No. 2475

AN ACT
relating to the oath taken by a person who assists a voter.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 64.034, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 64.034. OATH. A person selected to provide assistance to a voter must take the following oath, administered by an election officer at the polling place, before providing assistance:

“I swear (or affirm) that I will not suggest, by word, sign, or gesture, how the voter should vote; I will confine my assistance to answering the voter's questions, to stating propositions on the ballot, and to naming candidates and, if listed, their political parties; [and] I will
prepare the voter's ballot as the voter directs; and I am not the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of a labor union to which the voter belongs."

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 25, 2013: Yeas 135, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 15, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 359

H.B. No. 2482

AN ACT relating to a study to determine the reasons major manufacturers have chosen to invest in other states after considering development in this state.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. In this Act, “major manufacturer” means a person that:

(1) is engaged in the business of manufacturing;

(2) invested $1 million or more in developing, expanding, or maintaining manufacturing operations in another state after September 1, 2011, and before September 1, 2014; and

(3) was offered economic incentives by the state or a local government related to developing, expanding, or maintaining manufacturing operations in this state before choosing to make that investment.

SECTION 2. The comptroller of public accounts shall conduct a study on the reasons major manufacturers have chosen to invest in other states after the manufacturers were offered economic incentives by the state or a local government to develop in this state. The study may include examining those reasons specific to the economic incentives that were offered and to the promotion of manufacturing development. The comptroller's office shall solicit interviews with an executive of each major manufacturer that declined the incentives. The interviews must address recommendations for this state to effectively compete with other states in promoting manufacturing development.

SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2014, the comptroller of public accounts shall provide a report on the results of the study, including an analysis of the results, to the speaker of the house of representatives, the lieutenant governor, the governor, and each standing committee of the legislature that has relevant jurisdiction.

SECTION 4. This Act expires January 1, 2015.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 2, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 4, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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CHAPTER 360

H.B. No. 2536

AN ACT relating to the composition of certain regional transportation authority subregional boards.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas: