(1) a completed request for binding arbitration under this chapter in the form prescribed by Section 41A.04; and

(2) an arbitration deposit made payable to the comptroller in the amount of:

[(A)] $500[or]

[(B)] $250, if the property owner requests expedited arbitration under Section 41A.031.

SECTION 2. Section 41A.031, Tax Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act does not apply to an appeal of an appraisal review board order for which a request is filed and a deposit is paid before the effective date of this Act. An appeal of an appraisal review board order for which a request is filed and a deposit is paid before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2014.

Passed the Senate on May 1, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 17, 2013: Yeas 133, Nays 1, one present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective January 1, 2014.

CHAPTER 489

S.B. No. 1665

AN ACT

relating to the deposit of assessments and fees collected for examination expenses.

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

SECTION 1. Section 401.156, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 401.156. DEPOSIT AND USE OF ASSESSMENT AND FEE. (a) The department shall deposit any assessments or fees collected under this subchapter relating to the examination of insurers and other regulated entities by the financial examinations division or actuarial division, as those terms are defined by Section 401.251, to the credit of an account with the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company to be used exclusively to pay examination costs, as defined by Section 401.251, reimbursement of the Texas Department of Insurance operating account for administrative support costs, and reimbursement of premium tax credits for examination costs and examination overhead assessments. [Money deposited under this subsection accumulates and may be disbursed to the department in a manner consistent with Subchapter F.]

(b) Money deposited under Subsection (a) accumulates and may be disbursed to the department in a manner consistent with that subsection and Subchapter F.

(c) Revenue that is not related to the examination of insurers or other regulated entities by the financial examinations division or actuarial division shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas Department of Insurance operating account.

(d) To the extent that another provision of law conflicts with this section or a provision of this section, this section or the provision of this section controls.

(e) The department may transfer funds between the account described by Subsection (a) and the Texas Department of Insurance operating account as necessary to ensure that funds are deposited to the correct account and used for the correct purposes. This subsection does not authorize a disbursement or transfer of funds in a manner that is inconsistent with the purpose of Subchapter F and this section.

SECTION 2. 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.
CHAPTER 490

S.B. No. 1719

AN ACT
relating to the construction, remodeling, or rehabilitation of certain hotel projects.

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision (8), Section 2303.003, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(8) "Qualified hotel project" means:

(A) a hotel proposed to be constructed by a municipality or a nonprofit municipally
sponsored local government corporation created under the Texas Transportation Corpo-
ration Act, Chapter 431, Transportation Code, that is within 1,000 feet of a convention
center owned by a municipality having a population of 1,500,000 or more, including shops,
parking facilities, and any other facilities ancillary to the hotel; and

(B) a hotel proposed to be constructed, remodeled or rehabilitated by a municipality
or a nonprofit municipally sponsored local government corporation created under the
Texas Transportation Corporation Act, Chapter 431, Transportation Code, that is within
3,000 feet of the property line of a convention center owned by a municipality having a
population of more than 500,000 and that borders the United Mexican States.

SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 2303.5055, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A municipality with a population of 1,500,000 or more
or a municipality having a population of more than 500,000 and that borders the United Mexican States
may agree to guarantee from hotel occupancy taxes the bonds or other obligations of a municipally
sponsored local government corporation created under the Texas Transportation Corporation
Act, Chapter 431, Transportation Code, that were issued or incurred to pay the cost of construction, remodeling, or rehabilitation of a qualified hotel project.

SECTION 3. Subsection (h), Section 151.429, Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(h) This subsection does not apply to a qualified hotel project described by Section
2303.003(8)(B), Government Code. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the
owner of a qualified hotel project shall receive a rebate, refund, or payment of 100 percent of
the sales and use taxes paid or collected by the qualified hotel project or businesses located in
the qualified hotel project pursuant to this chapter and 100 percent of the hotel occupancy
taxes paid by persons for the use or possession of or for the right to the use or possession of a
room or space at the qualified hotel project pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 156 during
the first 10 years after such qualified hotel project is open for initial occupancy. The
comptroller shall deposit the taxes in trust in a separate suspense account of the qualified
hotel project. A suspense account is outside the state treasury, and the comptroller may
make a rebate, refund, or payment authorized by this section without the necessity of an
appropriation. The comptroller shall rebate, refund, or pay to each qualified hotel project
eligible taxable proceeds to which the project is entitled under this section at least monthly.

SECTION 4. Subdivision (2), Section 351.001, Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Convention center facilities" or "convention center complex" means facilities that are
primarily used to host conventions and meetings. The term means civic centers, civic
center buildings, auditoriums, exhibition halls, and coliseums that are owned by the
municipality or other governmental entity or that are managed in whole or part by the