

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 2382 requires the Board of Tax Professional Examiners to implement a training program for newly appointed chief appraisers. The training program is designed to educate appraisers about the roles and functions of the office of chief appraiser, including applicable professional duties and ethical standards.

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 Subchapter D, Chapter 1151, Occupations Code, by adding Section 1151.164, as follows:

Sec. 1151.164. CHIEF APPRAISER TRAINING PROGRAM. (a) Requires the Board of Tax Professional Examiners (board) to implement a training program for newly appointed chief appraisers and to prescribe the curriculum for the training program as provided by this section.

(b) Requires the training program to provide the appointee with certain information regarding the roles and functions of a chief appraiser.

(c) Requires the training program implemented by the board under this section to be provided by the board or by a provider approved by the board.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 5, Tax Code, by adding Section 5.042, as follows:

Sec. 5.042. REQUIRED TRAINING FOR CHIEF APPRAISERS. (a) Prohibits a person, except as provided by his section, from serving as a chief appraiser for an appraisal district unless the person has completed the course of training prescribed by Section 1151.164, Occupations Code.

(b) Authorizes a person to serve in a temporary, provisional, or interim capacity as chief appraiser for a period of up to one year without completing the training required by this section.

(c) Provides that this section does not apply to a county assessor-collector who serves as chief appraiser under Section 6.05(c) (Appraisal Office).

SECTION 3. (a) Requires the board to implement the training program required under Section 1151.164, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2006.

(b) Provides that a person is not required to complete the training program prescribed under Section 1151.164, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, to serve as a chief appraiser for an appraisal district until July 1, 2006.

(c) Makes application of the change in law made, by the enactment of Section 5.042, Tax Code, prospective.

SECTION 4. Provides that Section 5.042, Tax Code, takes effect July 1, 2006.

SECTION 5. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.