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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, local governments around the state hire and retain chief appraisers. However, there is not a uniform way for those local entities to inquire on the previous performance of an applicant. If a chief appraiser is unable to pass a methods and assistance program audit and subsequent property value studies, public school districts located within the county often lose funding even though the school district and its students are not at fault.

S.B. 916 requires the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation to provide an inquiring local government entity information on whether the registered appraiser who is being considered for appointment as chief appraiser for the entity's appraisal district has received a notation of noncompliance.

(Original Author's/Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

C.S.S.B. 916 amends current law relating to information regarding certain noncompliance by an appraisal district in the Texas Department of Licensing and Reg

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation in SECTION 1 (Section 1151.109, Occupations Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 1151, Occupations Code, by adding Section 1151.109, as follows:

Sec. 1151.109. INFORMATION ON APPRAISAL DISTRICT REVIEWS. (a) Requires the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation (TCLR) by rule to require the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) to include an electronic link to the report on each biennial review conducted by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas (comptroller) under Section 5.102(c) (relating to the requirement that the comptroller notify the appraisal district in writing at the conclusion of the review of its performance), Tax Code, of an appraisal district's performance in the record of the registered professional appraiser who served as the chief appraiser for the appraisal district at the time the comptroller finalized the review.

(b) Authorizes an appraisal district to request from TDLR the information on a registered professional appraiser whom the board of directors of the appraisal district is considering for appointment as chief appraiser of the appraisal district. Requires TDLR to inform the requestor of the status of any compliance efforts of an appraisal district under Section 5.102(d) (relating to the requirement that the comptroller notify TDLR or a successor if the appraisal district fails to comply with certain recommendations and the comptroller finds that the board of directors of the appraisal district failed to take certain actions), Tax Code, during previous reviews in which the appraiser served as chief appraiser of that appraiser district.

SECTION 2. Requires TCLR, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, to adopt rules to implement Section 1151.109, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2021.