

87th Legislature: Committee Testimony or Card from TCAD

SB 334

Relating to disclosure under the public information law of certain records of an appraisal district.

Sen. Johnson filed this bill at the request of TCAD and Rep. Goodwin filed the companion. Marya Crigler testified on behalf of TCAD in support of the bill in both Senate Local Government Committee and House Ways and Means.

SB 1449

Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of income-producing tangible personal property having a value of less than a certain amount.

At the request of Sen. Bettencourt, Marya Crigler testified in support of the bill in Senate Finance. She also testified in support in House Ways and Means at the request of Rep. Murphy.

SB 1434

Relating to public notice of the availability on the Internet of property-tax-related information.

Marya Crigler testified on behalf of the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts in support of the bill in the Senate Local Government Committee.

SB 916

Relating to certain information regarding appraisal district noncompliance and property values in the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation records of a professional property tax appraiser serving as chief appraiser for the district.

Marya Crigler testified on behalf of the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts in support of the agreed-to committee substitute in the Senate Local Government Committee.

SB 1427

Relating to the applicability of the temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property damaged by a disaster.

Marya Crigler testified on behalf of TCAD and TAAD in support of the bill in House Ways and Means.

HB 115

Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of certain property owned by a charitable organization and used in providing housing and related services to certain homeless individuals.

Rep. Rodriguez asked TCAD to support the bill in House Ways and Means. Kate Alexander submitted a card in support on behalf of TCAD. In Senate Finance, Marya Crigler submitted a card on behalf of TCAD in support, per the request of Sen. Seliger.

HB 988

Relating to ad valorem taxation; creating a criminal offense.

The Texas Association of Appraisal Districts negotiated agreed-to language for a committee substitute to HB 988. Rep. Shine requested that the appraisal districts support the bill in committee. Williamson CAD Chief Appraiser Alvin Lankford testified on behalf of TAAD in support of the bill in the House Ways and Means Committee. Kate Alexander submitted a card on behalf of TCAD in support of the bill.

Floor amendments in House changed HB 988 substantially with the addition of language from two major property tax-related bills: HB 2014 and HB 4179. In the Senate, the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts testified on the bill in the Local Government Committee as we negotiated changes related to the mandatory informal settlement conferences. That revised language was part of the final bill.

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SB 8

Relating to the authority of a person who acquires a residence homestead to receive an ad valorem tax exemption for the homestead in the year in which the property is acquired and to the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in revenue.

At the request of Senator Bettencourt, Marya was available as a resource witness in the Senate Local Government Committee. She assisted the committee by providing testimony that clarified current provisions under the law.

SB12

Relating to the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the residence homestead of an individual who is elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction from the preceding tax year in the district's maximum compressed rate and to the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in local revenue.

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