BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Section 6.03, Tax Code, provides the eligibility requirements for serving on the board of directors of an appraisal district for a county with a population of at least 200,000 bordering a county having a population of at least 2,000,000 and the Gulf of Mexico. Because only certain elected officials may serve on the district's board of directors, the requirement excludes average taxpayers from serving on the board. This bill would delete the requirement that only certain officials may serve on a board of an appraisal district of certain counties.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 834 deletes the requirement that only certain officials may serve on a board of an appraisal district of certain counties.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 6.03(a), Tax Code, to delete the requirements that only an individual other than a county assessor collector serving as a nonvoting director, who is a member of the governing body, or an elected official entitled to vote on the appointment of the board members may serve on a board of an appraisal district established for a county with a population of at least 200,000 bordering a county having a population of at least 2,000,000 and the Gulf of Mexico.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective. Provides that this Act does not prohibit a person who is a member of the board on the effective date of this Act from being reappointed to the board if the person has the required qualifications.

SECTION 3. Effective date: January 1, 2000.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.