Chapter 130

H.B. No. 1101

1 AN ACT relating to the authority of the chief appraiser of an appraisal 2 district to require a person to file a new application to confirm the person's current qualification for the exemption from ad 4 5 valorem taxation of the total appraised value of the residence homestead of a 100 percent disabled veteran. 6 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. Section 11.43, Tax Code, is amended by amending 8 9 Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (r) to read as follows:

10 An exemption provided by Section 11.13, 11.131, 11.132, 11 11.133, 11.17, 11.18, 11.182, 11.1827, 11.183, 11.19, 11.20, 11.21, 12 11.22, 11.23(a), (h), (j), (j-1), or (m), 11.231, 11.254, 11.27, 13 11.271, 11.29, 11.30, 11.31, or 11.315, once allowed, need not be claimed in subsequent years, and except as otherwise provided by 14 15 Subsection (e), the exemption applies to the property until it 16 changes ownership or the person's qualification for the exemption 17 However, except as provided by Subsection (r), the chief 18 appraiser may require a person allowed one of the exemptions in a 19 prior year to file a new application to confirm the person's current qualification for the exemption by delivering a written notice that 20 21 a new application is required, accompanied by an appropriate 22 application form, to the person previously allowed the exemption. 23 If the person previously allowed the exemption is 65 years of age or 24 older, the chief appraiser may not cancel the exemption due to the

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- 1 person's failure to file the new application unless the chief
- 2 appraiser complies with the requirements of Subsection (q), if
- 3 applicable.
- 4 <u>(r) The chief appraiser may not require a person allowed an</u>
- 5 <u>exemption under Section 11.131 to file a new application to</u>
- 6 determine the person's current qualification for the exemption if
- 7 the person has a permanent total disability determined by the
- 8 United States Department of Veterans Affairs under 38 C.F.R.
- 9 <u>Section 4.15.</u>
- SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2018.

President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1101 was passed by the House on April 28, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 131, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1101 was passed by the Senate on May 17, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 9, 2017

TO: Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Finance

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1101 by Pickett (Relating to the authority of the chief appraiser of an appraisal district to require a person to file a new application to confirm the person's current qualification for the exemption from ad valorem taxation of the total appraised value of the residence homestead of a 100 percent disabled veteran.), As Engrossed

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Local Government Impact

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

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March 14, 2017

TO: Honorable Dennis Bonnen, Chair, House Committee on Ways & Means

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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