The county appraisal district is responsible for appraising property in the appraisal district for ad valorem tax purposes of each taxing unit in the appraisal district. *Tax Code 6.01(b)*

An individual may not be employed by an appraisal district if the individual is an officer or employee of a taxing unit that participates in the appraisal district. *Tax Code 6.054*

If a new taxing unit is formed or an existing taxing unit’s boundaries are altered, the unit shall notify the appraisal office of the new boundaries within 30 days after the date the unit is formed or its boundaries are altered. *Tax Code 6.07*

The appraisal district is governed by a board of directors. Five directors are appointed by the taxing units that participate in the appraisal district as provided by Tax Code 6.03.

To be eligible to serve on the appraisal district board, an individual other than a county assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director must be a resident of the appraisal district and must have resided in the appraisal district for at least two years immediately preceding the date the individual takes office. An individual who is otherwise eligible to serve on the appraisal district board is not ineligible because of membership on the governing body of a taxing unit.

An employee of a taxing unit is not eligible to serve on the appraisal district board unless the employee is also a member of the governing body or an elected official of a taxing unit that participates in the appraisal district.

*Tax Code 6.03(a)*

An individual is ineligible to serve on an appraisal district board if the individual is related within the second degree by consanguinity or affinity, as determined under Government Code Chapter 573 [see DBE], to an individual who is engaged in the business of appraising property for compensation for use in proceedings under Tax Code Title 1 (the Property Tax Code) or of representing property owners for compensation in proceedings under the Property Tax Code in the appraisal district.

*Restrictions on Employment*

*Nepotism*

*Delinquent Taxes*
An individual is ineligible to serve on an appraisal district board if
the individual has engaged in the business of appraising property
for compensation for use in proceedings under the Property Tax
Code or of representing property owners for compensation in pro-
cedings under the Property Tax Code in the appraisal district at
any time during the preceding three years. *Tax Code 6.035(a-1)*

An individual is not eligible to be appointed to or to serve on an ap-
praisal district board if the individual or a business entity in which
the individual has a substantial interest is a party to a contract with
the appraisal district or a taxing unit that participates in the ap-
praisal district, if the contract relates to the performance of an ac-
tivity governed by the Property Tax Code.

A taxing unit may not enter into a contract relating to the perfor-
mane of an activity governed by the Property Tax Code with a
member of the appraisal district board or with a business entity in
which an appraisal district board member has a substantial inter-

An individual has a substantial interest in a business entity if the
combined ownership of the individual and the individual’s spouse is
at least ten percent of the voting stock or shares of the business
entity, or the individual or the individual’s spouse is a partner, lim-
ited partner, or officer of the business entity.

“Business entity” means a sole proprietorship, partnership, firm,
corporation, holding company, joint-stock company, receivership,
trust, or other entity recognized by law.

*Tax Code 6.036*

In accordance with Tax Code 6.033, the governing body of a taxing
unit, by resolution filed with the chief appraiser, may call for the re-
call of a member of the appraisal district board for whom the unit
cast any of its votes in the appointment of the appraisal district
board. *Tax Code 6.033(a)*

Each year the chief appraiser shall prepare a proposed budget for
the operations of the appraisal district for the following tax year as
described in Tax Code 6.06(a) and shall submit copies to each taxa-
ing unit and the appraisal district board before June 15.

Each taxing unit shall maintain a copy of the proposed budget for
public inspection at its principal administrative office.

The appraisal district board shall hold a public hearing to consider
the budget. The secretary of the appraisal district board shall de-
lever to the presiding officer of the governing body of each taxing
unit not later than the tenth day before the date of the hearing a
written notice of the date, time, and place fixed for the hearing. The appraisal district board of directors shall complete its hearings, make any amendments to the proposed budget it desires, and finally approve a budget before September 15.

If governing bodies of a majority of the taxing units adopt resolutions disapproving a budget and file them with the secretary of the appraisal district board within 30 days after its adoption, the budget does not take effect, and the appraisal district board shall adopt a new budget within 30 days of the disapproval.

Amendments

The appraisal district board may amend the approved budget at any time, but the secretary of the appraisal district board must deliver a written copy of a proposed amendment to the presiding officer of the governing body of each taxing unit not later than the 30th day before the date the appraisal district board acts on it.

Allocation

Each taxing unit participating in the appraisal district is allocated a portion of the amount of the budget equal to the proportion that the total dollar amount of property taxes imposed in the appraisal district by the unit for the tax year in which the budget proposal is prepared bears to the sum of the total dollar amount of property taxes imposed in the district by each participating unit for that year. Unless the governing body of a unit and the chief appraiser agree to a different method of payment, each taxing unit shall pay its allocation in four equal payments to be made at the end of each calendar quarter, and the first payment shall be made before January 1 of the year in which the budget takes effect.

Tax Code 6.06(a)–(e)

Changes in Method of Financing

The appraisal district board, in accordance with Tax Code 6.061(a), may prescribe a different method of allocating the costs of operating the appraisal district unless the governing body of any taxing unit adopts a resolution opposing the different method, and files it with the appraisal district board before September 1.

The taxing units may adopt a different method of allocating the costs of operating the appraisal district in accordance with Tax Code 6.061.

Tax Code 6.061

Disapproval of Appraisal District Board Actions

If the governing bodies of a majority of the taxing units adopt resolutions disapproving an action, other than adoption of the budget, by the appraisal district board and file them with the secretary of the appraisal district board within 15 days after the action is taken, the action is revoked effective the day after the day on which the required number of resolutions is filed. Tax Code 6.10
### Appraisal Review Board

An appraisal review board is established for each appraisal district. This does not preclude the boards of directors of two or more adjoining appraisal districts from providing for the operation of a consolidated appraisal review board by interlocal contract.

#### Appointment

- **Counties of Less than 120,000**
  - Members of the appraisal review board are appointed by resolution of a majority of the appraisal district board of directors.

- **Counties of 120,000 or More**
  - Members of the board are appointed by the local administrative law judge under Government Code Chapter 74, Subchapter D in the county in which the appraisal district is established.

  *Tax Code 6.41*

#### Eligibility

Appraisal review board members are subject to the eligibility restrictions described in Tax Code 6.412 and the conflict of interest provisions set forth in Tax Code 6.413. *Tax Code 6.412, .413*

#### Prohibition on Contracts

A school district may not enter into a contract with a member of the appraisal review board established for an appraisal district in which the school district participates or with a business entity in which a member of the appraisal review board has a substantial interest as defined in Tax Code 6.413(d). *Tax Code 6.413(c)*

#### Auxiliary Appraisal Review Board Members

The appraisal district board by resolution may provide for a number of auxiliary appraisal review board members that the board considers appropriate to hear taxpayer protests before the appraisal review board and to assist the board in performing its duties. *Tax Code 6.414(a)*

#### Special Appraisal Review Board Panels

An appraisal district board for a district established in a county with a population of one million or more by resolution of a majority of the board’s members shall increase the size of the district’s appraisal review board to the number of members the board of directors considers appropriate to manage the duties of the appraisal review board, including the duties of each special panel established under Tax Code 6.425. *Tax Code 6.41(b-2)*

The appraisal review board for an appraisal district described above shall establish special panels to conduct protest hearings under Tax Code Chapter 41 relating to property described in Tax Code 6.425(b). *Tax Code 6.425(a)–(b)*