By: Taylor of Collin

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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the rate of interest on certain tax refunds.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 4 SECTION 1. Sections 111.064(a), (c), and (c-1), Tax Code,
- 5 are amended to read as follows:
- 6 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, for a
- 7 refund under this chapter granted for a report period due on or
- 8 <u>after September 1, 2019</u>, interest is at the rate [that is the lesser
- 9 of the annual rate of interest earned on deposits in the state
- 10 treasury during December of the previous calendar year, as
- 11 determined by the comptroller, or the rate] set in Section
- 12  $111.060[_{ au}]$  and accrues on the amount found to be erroneously paid
- 13 for a period:
- 14 (1) beginning on the later of 60 days after the date of
- 15 payment or the due date of the tax report; and
- 16 (2) ending on, as determined by the comptroller,
- 17 either the date of allowance of credit on account of the
- 18 comptroller's final decision or audit or a date not more than 10
- 19 days before the date of the refund warrant.
- 20 (c) A [For a] refund under this chapter [claimed before
- 21 September 1, 2005, and] granted for a report period due on or after
- 22 January 1, 2000, but before September 1, 2019, accrues [the rate of]
- 23 interest as follows:
- 24 (1) if the refund is claimed on or before September 1,

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- 1 2005, at [is] the rate set in Section 111.060; and
- 2 (2) if the refund is claimed after September 1, 2005,
- 3 <u>at the rate that is the lesser of:</u>
- 4 (A) the rate set in Section 111.060; or
- 5 (B) the annual rate of interest earned on
- 6 deposits in the state treasury during December of the previous
- 7 <u>calendar year</u>, as determined by the comptroller.
- 8 (c-1) A refund under this chapter granted [, without regard
- 9 to the date claimed, for a report period due before January 1,
- 10 2000, does not accrue interest.
- 11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.