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WHAT IS THE SUNSET PROCESS?

In Texas, nearly all state boards and agencies must go through a Sunset Review Process mandated by the legislature through the Texas Sunset Law which was adopted in 1977. The Sunset process is designed to assure that there is a continuing public need for a board or agency under review and to determine if the board or agency is operating in an efficient and effective way for the benefit of the public. Unless the Texas legislature specifically reauthorizes a board or agency for continuation, the board or agency is discontinued. The Legislature relies on the Sunset process to regularly shine a light on state boards and programs to see if they are still relevant in a changing world, and if so, how they can do their jobs better.

The Sunset process is handled by the Texas Sunset Commission and its staff. The Commission is made up of five Texas Senators, five Texas Representatives and two public members appointed by the Lt. Governor and the Speaker of the House. The Sunset Commission's report on a typical agency must include a recommendation to abolish or continue the agency. Beyond continuation, Sunset reviews also focus on identifying areas of weakness in an agency's operations and recommending specific solutions for improvement through changes in law and management directives to an agency's leadership. The commission may also consider combining functions of two or more agencies to streamline state government.

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In 2018/19, the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy (TSBPA) went through the Sunset review process by the Texas Sunset Commission. The Sunset Commission issued its final report and recommendations with respect to TSBPA in a report issued in November 2018.

In its final report, the Sunset Commission noted that: "Accountants play a vital role in the financial health of Texas residents, companies and public institutions. Overall, the board does its job ensuring accountants practicing in the state have the knowledge and impetus to perform their work well, as should be expected from any agency, but especially one with the freedom to raise its fees to cover the cost of regulation." The Sunset Commission recommended continuing the board for 12 years as an independent agency.

SUPPORT THE SUNSET LEGISLATION THAT WILL CONTINUE TSBPA FOR ANOTHER 12 YEARS

TSBPA's Sunset bill in the House is [HB 1520](#).

TSBPA's Sunset bill in the Senate is [SB 613](#).

We urge your support for HB 1520 and SB 613. The licensing and regulation of Certified Public Accountants is critical to the state of Texas and the public that the profession serves.