

Amend CSSB 1952 by adding a new SECTION 13A.113 and renumbering all subsequent SECTIONS:

SECTION 13A.113. Section 42.221, Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 42.221. CONSOLIDATED APPEALS FOR MULTICOUNTY PROPERTY PIPELINE OR ELECTRIC LINE. (a) The owner of property of telecommunications providers under Section 51.002, Utility Code, or owner of property regulated by the Railroad Commission, Surface Transportation Board, or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ~~an oil or gas pipeline or electric transmission or distribution line~~ that runs through or operates in more than one county and is appraised by more than one appraisal district may appeal an order of an appraisal review board relating to the property that runs through or operates in more than one county ~~pipeline or electric line, to property attached to or connected with the pipeline or electric line, or to an easement or other real property on which the pipeline or electric line is located~~ to the district court of any county in which a portion of the property ~~pipeline or electric line~~ is located or operates if the order relating to that portion of the property ~~the pipeline or electric line~~ is appealed.

(b) A petition for review of each appraisal review board order under this section must be filed with the court as provided by Section 42.21. The fee for filing each additional petition for review under this section ~~relating to a pipeline or electric line~~ after the first petition for review relating to the same property ~~pipeline or electric line~~ is filed for a tax year is \$5.

(c) If only one appeal by the owner of property subject to this section ~~an oil or gas pipeline or electric line~~ is pending before the court in an appeal from the decision of an appraisal review board of a district other than the appraisal district for that county, any party to the suit may, not earlier than the 30th day before and not later than the 10th day before the date set for the hearing, make a motion to transfer the suit to a district court of the county in which the appraisal review board from which the appeal is taken is located. In the absence of a showing that further appeals under this section will be filed, the court shall transfer the suit.

(d) When the owner files the first petition for review under this section ~~for a pipeline or electric line~~ for a tax year, the owner shall include with the petition a list of each appraisal district in which the property ~~pipeline or electric line~~ is appraised for taxation in that tax year.

(e) The court shall consolidate all the appeals for a tax year relating to a single property subject to this section ~~pipeline or electric line~~ for which a petition for review is filed with the court and may consolidate other appeals relating to other property subject to this section ~~pipelines or electric lines~~ of the same owner if the property is ~~pipelines or electric lines are~~ located in one or more of the counties on the list required by Subsection (d). Except as provided by this subsection, on the motion of the owner of a property subject to this section ~~pipeline or electric line owner~~ the court shall grant a continuance to provide the owner with an opportunity to include in the proceeding appeals of appraisal review board orders from additional appraisal districts. The court may not grant a continuance to include an appeal of an appraisal review board order that relates to a property ~~the pipeline or electric line~~ in that tax year after the time for filing a petition for review of that order has expired.

(f) This section does not affect the property owner's right to file a petition for review of an individual appraisal district's order relating to a property subject to this section ~~pipeline or electric line~~ in the district court in the county in which the appraisal review board is located.

(g) On a joint motion or the separate motions of at least 60 percent of the appraisal districts that are defendants in a consolidated suit filed before the 45th day after the date on which the property owner's petitions for review of the appraisal review board orders relating to property subject to this section ~~a pipeline or electric line~~ for that tax year must be filed, the court shall transfer the suit to a district court of the county named in the motion or motions if that county is one in which one of the appraisal review boards from which an appeal was taken is located.

(h) An outlet, facility, ~~or~~ location, or property that is subject to Section 321.002(a)(3), and that was first opened before

June 1, 2003, is not subject to Section 321.203(1), and shall be governed by the law in effect at the time such outlet, facility, ~~or location,~~ or property was first opened, and that law shall be continued in effect for that purpose.