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S.B. No. 1452

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to an offense for certain communications between an
3 appraisal review board member and a chief appraiser or appraisal
4 district employee concerning a matter related to an ad valorem tax
5 protest.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 6, Tax Code, is amended by
8 adding Section 6.411 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 6.411. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS; PENALTY. (a) A
10 member of an appraisal review board commits an offense if the member
11 communicates with the chief appraiser or another employee of the
12 appraisal district for which the appraisal review board is
13 established in violation of Section 41.66(f).

14 (b) A chief appraiser or another employee of an appraisal
15 district commits an offense if the chief appraiser or other
16 employee communicates with a member of the appraisal review board
17 established for the appraisal district in a circumstance in which
18 the appraisal review board member is prohibited by Section 41.66(f)
19 from communicating with the chief appraiser or other employee.

20 (c) This section does not apply to communications that do
21 not discuss the specific evidence, argument, facts, merits, or
22 property involved in a hearing currently pending before the
23 appraisal review board or to communications between the board and
24 its legal counsel.

1 (d) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.