

Amend **HB 2491** by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to the bill and renumbering the other ARTICLES of the bill accordingly:

ARTICLE _____. APPEAL OF ORDER OF APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD

SECTION _____.01. Section 42.23, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(d) Each party to an appeal is considered a party seeking affirmative relief for the purpose of discovery regarding expert witnesses under the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure if, on or before the 120th day after the date the appeal is filed, the property owner:

(1) makes a written offer of settlement;

(2) requests alternative dispute resolution; and

(3) designates, in response to an appropriate written discovery request, which cause of action under this chapter is the basis for the appeal.

(e) For purposes of Subsection (d), a property owner may designate a cause of action under Section 42.25 or 42.26 as the basis for an appeal, but may not designate a cause of action under both sections as the basis for the appeal. Discovery regarding a cause of action that is not specifically designated by the property owner under Subsection (d) shall be conducted as provided by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

SECTION _____.02. The change in law made by this article applies only to an appeal of an appraisal review board order if the appeal is filed or amended on or after the effective date of this Act. An appeal filed or amended before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the appeal was filed or amended, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.