

1-1 By: Seliger S.B. No. 541  
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 541 By: Deuell

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the confidentiality of information regarding certain  
1-11 residential property held by an appraisal district.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Chapter 25, Tax Code, is amended by adding  
1-14 Section 25.027 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 25.027. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION REGARDING  
1-16 CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. (a) Information in appraisal  
1-17 records is confidential and is available only for the official use  
1-18 of the appraisal district, this state, the comptroller, and taxing  
1-19 units and political subdivisions of this state if the information  
1-20 is a photograph or floor plan of an improvement to real property  
1-21 that:

1-22 (1) is designed primarily for use as a human  
1-23 residence; and

1-24 (2) is not a residence homestead.

1-25 (b) This section does not apply to an aerial photograph that  
1-26 depicts five or more separately owned buildings.

1-27 SECTION 2. Section 25.027, Tax Code, as added by this Act,  
1-28 limits the availability of information in appraisal records made  
1-29 confidential under that section only on or after the effective date  
1-30 of this Act.

1-31 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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