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S.B. No. 1655

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to settlement and discovery in property tax appeals.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 42.23, Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Review is by trial de novo. This district court shall try all issues of fact and law raised by the pleadings in the manner applicable to civil suits generally, except if the plaintiff makes an offer of settlement and makes a request for alternative dispute resolution, the discovery deadlines for the plaintiff shall be the same as those of the defendant.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect on September 1, 2005. The change in law made by this Act applies to appeals filed on or after the effective date.