

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 1655

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to prohibiting the posting of certain tax appraisal record  
3 information on the Internet.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 25, Tax Code, is amended by adding  
6 Section 25.028 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 25.028. AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT POSTING OF CERTAIN  
8 APPRAISAL RECORD INFORMATION ON INTERNET. (a) The name of the  
9 owner of property included in the appraisal records may not be  
10 posted on the Internet by the appraisal district, a taxing unit, or  
11 a tax assessor or collector if the owner chooses to prohibit online  
12 disclosure of that information on a form prescribed for that  
13 purpose by the comptroller under Section 5.07.

14 (b) An appraisal district, taxing unit, or tax assessor or  
15 collector that posts appraisal record information on the Internet  
16 must provide notice on the main Internet site that provides an  
17 Internet user with the means to search or access the information of  
18 a property owner's right to prohibit online disclosure of the  
19 owner's name in connection with property included in the appraisal  
20 records and the procedure for prohibiting disclosure of that  
21 information.

22 (c) A choice made under Subsection (a) remains valid until  
23 rescinded in writing by the owner.

24 (d) This section does not prohibit the online disclosure of

1 information in appraisal records that identifies property  
2 according to an address if the information does not identify an  
3 owner who has chosen to prohibit disclosure of the owner's name  
4 under Subsection (a) in connection with the property.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.