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H.B. No. 3193

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the circumstances under which an appraisal review board hearing shall be closed to the public.

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

SECTION 1. Section 41.66, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsections (d-1) and (d-2) to read as follows:

(d) Except as provided by Subsection (d-1), hearings ~~[Hearings]~~ conducted as provided by this chapter are open to the public.

(d-1) A hearing shall be closed to the public if:

(1) information made confidential under Section 22.27 or other law will be disclosed at the proceeding; and

(2) a party to the hearing requests that the hearing be closed to the public.

(d-2) If the hearing is closed to the public as provided by Subsection (d-1), any portion of the record of the hearing that includes information made confidential under Section 22.27 or other law is confidential and may be disclosed only in accordance with the law governing the confidential information.

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