

Amend CSHB 1030 (Senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) Add the following SECTION to the bill, appropriately numbered, and renumber subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Subchapter C, Chapter 41, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 41.415 to read as follows:

Sec. 41.415. ELECTRONIC FILING OF NOTICE OF PROTEST. (a)  
This section applies only to an appraisal district established for  
a county having a population of 500,000 or more.

(b) The appraisal district shall implement a system that  
allows the owner of a property that for the current tax year has  
been granted a residence homestead exemption under Section 11.13,  
in connection with the property, to electronically:

(1) file a notice of protest under Section 41.41(a)(1)  
or (2) with the appraisal review board;

(2) receive and review comparable sales data and other  
evidence that the chief appraiser intends to use at the protest  
hearing before the board;

(3) receive, as applicable:

(A) a settlement offer from the district to  
correct the appraisal records by changing the market value and, if  
applicable, the appraised value of the property to the value as  
redetermined by the district; or

(B) a notice from the district that a settlement  
offer will not be made; and

(4) accept or reject a settlement offer received from  
the appraisal district under Subdivision (3)(A).

(c) With each notice sent under Section 25.19 to an eligible  
property owner, the chief appraiser shall include information about  
the system required by this section, including instructions for  
accessing and using the system.

(d) A notice of protest filed electronically under this  
section must include, at a minimum:

(1) a statement as to whether the protest is brought  
under Section 41.41(a)(1) or under Section 41.41(a)(2);

(2) a statement of the property owner's good faith  
estimate of the value of the property; and

(3) an electronic mail address that the district may

use to communicate electronically with the property owner in connection with the protest.

(e) If the property owner accepts a settlement offer made by the appraisal district, the chief appraiser shall enter the settlement in the appraisal records as an agreement made under Section 1.111(e).

(f) If the property owner rejects a settlement offer, the appraisal review board shall hear and determine the property owner's protest in the manner otherwise provided by this subchapter and Subchapter D.

(g) An appraisal district is not required to make the system required by this section available to an owner of a residence homestead located in an area in which the chief appraiser determines that the factors affecting the market value of real property are unusually complex.

(h) An electronic mail address provided by a property owner to an appraisal district under Subsection (d)(3) is confidential and may not be disclosed by the district.

(b) Section 41.415, Tax Code, as added by this section, applies only to a tax year that begins on or after the effective date of this Act.

(2) In SECTION 2 of the bill (page 1, line 56), between "in law" and "made by", insert "to Section 41.45, Tax Code,".

(3) Strike SECTION 3 of the bill (page 1, line 62, through page 2, line 3) and substitute the following:

SECTION 3. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section:

(1) this Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution; and

(2) if this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

(b) Section 41.415, Tax Code, as added by this Act, takes effect January 1, 2010.