

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1813
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, passed H.B. 2188, which made records submitted to an appraisal district by a private entity confidential. The intent behind H.B. 2188 was to protect information obtained by an appraisal district via subscription to a multiple listing service (MLS). However, this provision has proven to be a hurdle for appraisers in counties that do not have an MLS. In those small, rural counties, appraisers are unable to obtain the information needed to perform property appraisals.

S.B. 1813 amends current law relating to the exception from required public disclosure of certain records of an appraisal district.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 552.148, Government Code, as added by Chapter 471 (H.B. 2188), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, by adding Subsection (d), as follows: (d) Provides that this section applies to information described by Subsections (a) (relating to an exemption for certain information received from a private entity by the comptroller of public accounts or the chief appraiser of an appraisal district) and (c) (relating to the confidentiality of certain information obtained by the comptroller in connection with the comptroller's finding that is being protested) and to an item of information or comparable sales data described by Subsection (b) (relating to the authorization of a property owner or applicable appraisal district to obtain a copy of each item of certain information) only if the information, item of information, or comparable sales data relates to real property that is located in a county having a population of 20,000 or more.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.

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