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H.B. No. 4229

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the award of attorney's fees to a property owner who
3 prevails in a property tax appeal.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 42.29(a), Tax Code, is amended as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 42.29. ATTORNEY'S FEES. (a) A property owner who
8 prevails in an appeal to the court under ~~Section~~ Sections
9 25.25(c) or (d), 42.25 or 42.26 may be awarded reasonable
10 attorney's fees. The amount of the award may not exceed the greater
11 of:

- 12 (1) \$15,000; or
13 (2) 20 percent of the total amount by which the
14 property owner's tax liability is reduced as a
15 result of the appeal.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.