

AN ACT

relating to the arbitration deposit required for an appeal through binding arbitration of appraisal review board orders involving multiple tracts of land.

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

SECTION 1. Section 41A.03, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) If a property owner requests binding arbitration under this chapter to appeal appraisal review board orders involving two or more tracts of land that are contiguous to one another, a single arbitration deposit in the amount provided by Subsection (a)(2) is sufficient to satisfy the requirement of Subsection (a)(2).

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a request for binding arbitration under Chapter 41A, Tax Code, that is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A request for binding arbitration under Chapter 41A, Tax Code, that is filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the request is filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4412 was passed by the House on May 7, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4412 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor