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S.B. No. 903

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the designation of a person to act as the agent of a property owner in a property tax matter.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1.111(b), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The designation of an agent must be made by written authorization on a form prescribed by the comptroller under Subsection (h) and signed by the owner, a property manager authorized to designate agents for the owner, or another ~~[other]~~ person authorized to act on behalf of the owner other than the person being designated as agent, and must clearly indicate that the person is authorized to act on behalf of the property owner in property tax matters relating to the property or the property owner. The designation may authorize the agent to represent the owner in all property tax matters or in specific property tax matters as identified in the designation. The designation does not take effect with respect to an appraisal district or a taxing unit participating in the appraisal district until a copy of the designation is filed with the appraisal district.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a designation of an agent that is made on or after the effective date of this Act. A designation made before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the designation was

1 made, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2       SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.