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H.B. No. 316

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a requirement that certain appraisal districts provide  
3 for electronic signing and filing of a form for the designation of  
4 an agent.

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

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

8 (b) The designation of an agent must be made by written  
9 authorization on a form prescribed by the comptroller under  
10 Subsection (h) and signed by the owner, a property manager  
11 authorized to designate agents for the owner, or another person  
12 authorized to act on behalf of the owner other than the person being  
13 designated as agent, and must clearly indicate that the person is  
14 authorized to act on behalf of the property owner in property tax  
15 matters relating to the property or the property owner. The  
16 designation may authorize the agent to represent the owner in all  
17 property tax matters or in specific property tax matters as  
18 identified in the designation. The designation does not take  
19 effect with respect to an appraisal district or a taxing unit  
20 participating in the appraisal district until a copy of the  
21 designation is filed with the appraisal district. Each appraisal  
22 district established for a county having a population of 500,000 or  
23 more shall implement a system that allows a designation to be signed  
24 and filed electronically.

1           SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
2 to a designation of an agent that is made on or after the effective  
3 date of this Act. A designation made before the effective date of  
4 this Act is governed by the law in effect when the designation was  
5 made, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

6           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.