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H.B. No. 2461

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the immunity of property tax arbitrators from liability for determinations made in the course of binding arbitrations.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 41A, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 41A.14 to read as follows:

Sec. 41A.14. IMMUNITY. An arbitrator appointed under this chapter is immune from civil liability that is based on the arbitrator's determination of the value of property or of the appropriate award of any remedy or relief under Section 41A.09 as if the arbitrator were a district judge making the determination. All existing immunity granted arbitrators by law, express or implied, continues in full force and effect.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a cause of action that accrues on or after the effective date of this Act. A cause of action that accrued before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.