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S.B. No. 721

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to communications with appraisal review board members
3 outside of a proceeding before the board; providing a criminal
4 penalty.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 41.66(f), Tax Code, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 (f) A member of the appraisal review board may not
9 communicate with another person concerning:

10 (1) the evidence, argument, facts, merits, or any
11 other matters related to an owner's protest, except during the
12 hearing on the protest; ~~or~~

13 (2) a property that is the subject of the protest,
14 except during a hearing on another protest or other proceeding
15 before the board at which the property is compared to other property
16 or used in a sample of properties; or

17 (3) a factual or hypothetical situation that is
18 substantially similar to a situation that is the subject of the
19 protest, except during the hearing on the protest.

20 SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies
21 only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this
22 Act. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before
23 the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs
24 before that date.

1 (b) An offense committed before the effective date of this
2 Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed,
3 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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