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S.B. No. 1546

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the right to a new hearing before an appraisal review board following a failure to attend a hearing.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (e-1), Section 41.45, Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e-1) A property owner or a person ~~[who has not]~~ designated by the property owner as the owner's ~~[an]~~ agent under Section 1.111 to represent the owner at the hearing ~~[and]~~ who fails to appear at the hearing is entitled to a new hearing if the property owner or the owner's agent files, not later than the fourth day after the date the hearing occurred, a written statement with the appraisal review board showing good cause for the failure to appear and requesting a new hearing.

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

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