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S.B. No. 1546

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the right to a new hearing before an appraisal review
3 board following a failure to attend a hearing.

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

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

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

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

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