

1-1 By: Patrick S.B. No. 1546  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2011; March 23, 2011, read  
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1546 By: Patrick

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the right to a new hearing before an appraisal review  
1-11 board following a failure to attend a hearing.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subsection (e-1), Section 41.45, Tax Code, is  
1-14 amended to read as follows:

1-15 (e-1) A property owner or a person ~~[who has not]~~ designated  
1-16 by the property owner as the owner's [an] agent under Section 1.111  
1-17 to represent the owner at the hearing ~~[and]~~ who fails to appear at  
1-18 the hearing is entitled to a new hearing if the property owner or  
1-19 the owner's agent files, not later than the fourth day after the  
1-20 date the hearing occurred, a written statement with the appraisal  
1-21 review board showing good cause for the failure to appear and  
1-22 requesting a new hearing.

1-23 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-24 to a protest under Chapter 41, Tax Code, that is filed on or after  
1-25 the effective date of this Act. A protest under Chapter 41, Tax  
1-26 Code, that was filed before the effective date of this Act is  
1-27 governed by the law in effect on the date the protest was filed, and  
1-28 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-29 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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