

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 241
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Current law requires a chief appraiser to provide notice regarding the availability of agreement forms authorizing electronic communications. With certain exceptions, electronic communication is discretionary, but the requirement to provide notice of the availability of agreement forms applies regardless of whether an appraisal district has opted to utilize electronic communication. H.B. 241 seeks to clarify the notice requirement by limiting its applicability to appraisal districts that have opted for such communication.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 241 amends the Tax Code to limit applicability of the requirement for the chief appraiser of an appraisal district to provide notice regarding the availability of agreement forms authorizing electronic communications between the chief appraiser, the appraisal district, or an appraisal review board and a property owner or the property owner's designee to an appraisal district located in a county that has a population of more than 200,000 and in which a property owner whose property is included in 25 or more accounts in the district's appraisal records requests the electronic format or to an appraisal district in which the chief appraiser has decided to authorize electronic communication and the appraisal district has implemented a system that allows such communication.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2013.