1 AN ACT

2 relating to the representation of a property owner by an agent in a

3 property tax matter.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 1.11(b), Tax Code, is amended to read as

6 follows:

7 (b) To be effective, a request made under this section must

8 be filed with the appraisal district. A request remains in effect

9 until revoked by a written revocation filed with the appraisal

10 district by the owner or the owner's designated agent.

11 SECTION 2. Sections 1.111(c) and (i), Tax Code, are amended

12 to read as follows:

13 (c) The designation of an agent under this section remains

14 in effect until revoked in a written revocation filed with the

15 appraisal district by the property owner or designated agent. The

16 designated agent revoking the designation must send notice of the

17 revocation by certified mail to the property owner at the owner's

18 last known address. A designation may be made to expire according

19 to its own terms but is still subject to prior revocation by the

20 property owner or designated agent.

21 (i) An appraisal review board shall accept and consider a

22 motion or protest filed by an agent of a property owner if an agency

23 authorization is filed at or before the hearing on the motion or

24 protest. [If an appraisal review board designates a time and place

1 ~~for appearance before a hearing, an agency authorization is~~

2 ~~considered to be filed at or before the hearing if a copy of the~~

3 ~~authorization is filed at the time and place designated by the~~

4 ~~board.~~]

5   SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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   President of the Senate   Speaker of the House

     I certify that H.B. No. 3439 was passed by the House on May 8, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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                           Chief Clerk of the House

     I certify that H.B. No. 3439 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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                           Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

               Date

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          Governor