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H.B. No. 3446

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the distribution by the appraisal review board of an
3 appraisal district of written opinions, memoranda, or analyses of
4 law drafted by the attorney for the board.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 6, Tax Code, is amended by
7 adding Section 6.44 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 6.44. DISTRIBUTION BY BOARD OF LEGAL ANALYSES. (a)
9 Except as provided by Subsection (b), the appraisal review board of
10 an appraisal district may not distribute a written opinion,
11 memorandum, or analysis of law drafted for the board by an attorney
12 who serves as the legal counsel for the board to any person who is
13 not a member of the board.

14 (b) An appraisal review board may distribute a document
15 described by Subsection (a) to a person who is not a member of the
16 board if the board:

17 (1) immediately makes the document available for
18 public inspection by any person; and

19 (2) forwards the document not later than the next
20 business day to the comptroller to be posted on the comptroller's
21 Internet website.

22 (c) The comptroller shall post each document that the
23 comptroller receives under this section on the comptroller's
24 Internet website.

1 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
2 to a written opinion, memorandum, or analysis of law distributed on
3 or after the effective date of this Act. A written opinion,
4 memorandum, or analysis of law distributed before the effective
5 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the document
6 was distributed, and the former law is continued in effect for that
7 purpose.

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