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H.B. No. 285

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 285:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the prohibition on posting on the Internet information  
3 held by an appraisal district regarding certain residential  
4 property.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 25.027, Tax Code, is amended by amending  
7 Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as  
8 follows:

9 (b) This section does not apply to:

10 (1) an aerial photograph that depicts [~~five or~~] more  
11 than one separately owned building [buildings];

12 (2) a street level photograph of only the exterior of a  
13 building; or

14 (3) a field record or overhead sketch of the property  
15 that depicts only:

16 (A) the outline of one or more buildings on the  
17 property;

18 (B) the location of an interior wall in an  
19 outlined building located on the property that separates the main  
20 living area of the building from an ancillary space such as a  
21 garage, patio, or porch;

22 (C) the general landscape features of the  
23 property, including ponds, pools, and walls; and

24 (D) the dimensions of or distances between the

1 buildings and features depicted.

2 (c) The owner of an improvement to real property described  
3 by Subsection (a) may submit a written request to the chief  
4 appraiser of the appraisal district in which the property is  
5 located requesting that the appraisal district's Internet website  
6 not include information that identifies the person as the owner of  
7 the property. If a request is made under this subsection, the  
8 appraisal district may not post information on, and must as soon as  
9 practicable remove information from, the district's Internet  
10 website that identifies the requestor as the owner of the property  
11 described in the request.

12 (d) An appraisal district shall post and maintain on the  
13 appraisal district's Internet website a statement informing  
14 property owners of the right to make a request under Subsection (c).

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.