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H.B. No. 394

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the information in ad valorem tax appraisal records that may not be posted on the Internet by an appraisal district.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.027, Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 25.027. RESTRICTION ON POSTING INFORMATION ON INTERNET WEBSITE [~~REGARDING CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY~~].

(a) Information in appraisal records may not be posted on the Internet if the information:

(1) is a photograph, sketch, or floor plan of an improvement to real property that is designed primarily for use as a human residence; or

(2) indicates the age of a property owner, including information indicating that a property owner is 65 years of age or older.

(b) Subsection (a)(1) [~~This section~~] does not apply to an aerial photograph that depicts five or more separately owned buildings.

SECTION 2. Not later than the effective date of this Act, the chief appraiser for each appraisal district shall ensure that information described by Section 25.027(a)(2), Tax Code, as added by this Act, that is posted on an Internet website controlled by the appraisal district is removed from the website.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.