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H.B. No. 4074

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 Relating to hearings on protests.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 41.45, Tax Code, is amended by adding new
5 Subsection (c-1) and amending Subsection (h) to read as follows:

6 (c-1) The appraisal office shall provide audio-visual
7 equipment at each hearing on a protest for the use of the property
8 owner initiating the protest or the protesting property owner's
9 representatives. The audio-visual equipment shall be of the same
10 general type, kind and character as the equipment used by the chief
11 appraiser at each protest hearing.

12 (h) Before the hearing on a protest or immediately after the
13 hearing begins, the chief appraiser and the property owner or the
14 owner's agent shall each provide the other with a copy of any
15 written material or material preserved on any portable device
16 designed to maintain an electronic, magnetic or digital
17 reproduction of any document or image that the person intends to
18 offer or submit to the appraisal review board at the hearing.

19 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect January 1, 2016.