

AN ACT

relating to certain communications regarding the appointment or conduct of certain appraisal review board members; amending provisions subject to a criminal penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 6.41(i), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(i) This subsection applies only to an appraisal district described by Subsection (d-1). A chief appraiser or another employee or agent of the appraisal district, a member of the appraisal review board for the appraisal district, a member of the board of directors of the appraisal district, a property tax consultant, or an agent of a property owner commits an offense if the person communicates with the local administrative district judge regarding the appointment of appraisal review board members. This subsection does not apply to:

(1) a communication between a member of the appraisal review board and the local administrative district judge regarding the member's reappointment to the board;

(2) a communication between the taxpayer liaison officer for the appraisal district and the local administrative district judge in the course of the performance of the officer's clerical duties so long as the officer does not offer an opinion or comment regarding the appointment of appraisal review board

members; ~~or~~]

(3) a communication between a chief appraiser or another employee or agent of the appraisal district, a member of the appraisal review board for the appraisal district, or a member of the board of directors of the appraisal district and the local administrative district judge regarding information relating to or described by Subsection (d-1), (d-5), or (f) of this section or Section 411.1296, Government Code; or

(4) a communication between a property tax consultant or a property owner or an agent of the property owner and the taxpayer liaison officer for the appraisal district regarding information relating to or described by Subsection (f). The taxpayer liaison officer for the appraisal district shall report the contents of the communication relating to or described by Subsection (f) to the local administrative district judge.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1468 passed the Senate on May 5, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1468 passed the House on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 2, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor