

By: Watson
(Howard)

S.B. No. 1468

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to certain communications regarding the appointment or
3 conduct of certain appraisal review board members; amending
4 provisions subject to a criminal penalty.

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

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

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

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

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

1 members; [~~or~~]

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

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

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