

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a request for binding arbitration to appeal appraisal  
3 review board orders involving two or more contiguous tracts of  
4 land.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 41A.03(a-1), Tax Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (a-1) If a property owner requests binding arbitration  
9 under this chapter to appeal appraisal review board orders  
10 involving two or more contiguous tracts of land that are owned by  
11 the property owner [~~contiguous to one another~~], a single  
12 arbitration deposit in the amount provided by Subsection (a)(2) is  
13 sufficient to satisfy the requirement of Subsection (a)(2). For  
14 purposes of this subsection, "contiguous tracts of land" means  
15 improved or unimproved tracts of land that are touching or that  
16 share a common boundary, as determined using appraisal district  
17 records or legal descriptions of the tracts.

18 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
19 a request for binding arbitration under Chapter 41A, Tax Code, that  
20 is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A request for  
21 binding arbitration under Chapter 41A, Tax Code, that is filed  
22 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in  
23 effect on the date the request is filed, and the former law is  
24 continued in effect for that purpose.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1876 passed the Senate on May 2, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 24, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1876 passed the House, with amendment, on May 17, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor