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S.B. No. 334

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to disclosure under the public information law of certain  
3 records of an appraisal district.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 552.149(b), Government Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the property owner or  
8 the owner's agent may, on request, obtain from the chief appraiser  
9 of the applicable appraisal district a copy of each item of  
10 information described by Section 41.461(a)(2), Tax Code~~[, and a~~  
11 ~~copy of each item of information that the chief appraiser took into~~  
12 ~~consideration but does not plan to introduce at the hearing on the~~  
13 ~~protest]~~. In addition, the property owner or agent may, on request,  
14 obtain from the chief appraiser comparable sales data from a  
15 reasonable number of sales that is relevant to any matter to be  
16 determined by the appraisal review board at the hearing on the  
17 property owner's protest or by the arbitrator at the hearing on the  
18 property owner's appeal under Chapter 41A, Tax Code, of the  
19 appraisal review board's order determining the protest.  
20 Information obtained under this subsection:

21 (1) remains confidential in the possession of the  
22 property owner or agent; and

23 (2) may not be disclosed or used for any purpose except  
24 as evidence or argument at the hearing on:

1                   (A) the protest; or

2                   (B) the appeal under Chapter 41A, Tax Code.

3           SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
4 a request described by Section 552.149(b), Government Code, as  
5 amended by this Act, received by the chief appraiser of an appraisal  
6 district on or after the effective date of this Act. A request  
7 received by a chief appraiser before the effective date of this Act  
8 is governed by the law in effect on the date the request was  
9 received, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
10 purpose.

11           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.