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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a requirement that an appraisal district maintain and post certain information on an Internet website; making conforming changes.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 1.086(f), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f)  The chief appraiser of an appraisal district [~~that maintains an Internet website~~] shall provide a form on the appraisal district's Internet website that a property owner may use to electronically make a request under this section.

SECTION 2.  Subchapter A, Chapter 6, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 6.038 to read as follows:

Sec. 6.038.  BOARD MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION POSTED ON APPRAISAL DISTRICT WEBSITE. (a) Each appraisal district shall post on the district's Internet website the following for each member of the district's board of directors:

(1)  the member's name; and

(2)  the member's official mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address.

(b)  The e-mail address of a member of the board of directors posted under Subsection (a) must:

(1)  include the member's name in the address; and

(2)  be for an e-mail account monitored by the member.

SECTION 3.  Section 6.16(c), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  A list must:

(1)  be organized by county;

(2)  be available on the appraisal district's Internet website[~~, if the appraisal district maintains a website~~]; and

(3)  provide the name, contact information, and job title of each individual who will provide free assistance.

SECTION 4.  Subchapter A, Chapter 6, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 6.17 to read as follows:

Sec. 6.17.  INTERNET WEBSITE REQUIRED. Each appraisal district shall maintain an Internet website.

SECTION 5.  Section 11.1825(r), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(r)  Not later than January 31 of each year, the appraisal district shall give public notice in the manner determined by the district, including posting on the district's website [~~if applicable~~], of the capitalization rate to be used in that year to appraise property receiving an exemption under this section.

SECTION 6.  Section 25.19(n), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(n)  As soon as practicable after delivering a notice required by this section to a property owner, the chief appraiser shall post the notice on the appraisal district's Internet website[~~, if the appraisal district maintains a website,~~] as part of the appraisal record pertaining to the property.

SECTION 7.  Section 41.01(e), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e)  The appraisal review board shall post a copy of the hearing procedures adopted by the board:

(1)  in a prominent place in each room in which the board conducts hearings under this subchapter and Subchapter C; and

(2)  [~~if the appraisal district for which the board is established maintains an Internet website,~~] on the Internet website of the appraisal district for which the board is established [~~district's website~~].

SECTION 8.  Section 41.415, Tax Code, as added by Chapter 1370 (S.B. 873), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, is repealed.

SECTION 9.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.