

1-1 By: Metcalf, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Springer) H.B. No. 1228
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 1-3 April 12, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Local
 1-4 Government; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the right of a property owner or the owner's agent to
 1-20 receive on request a copy of the information used to appraise the
 1-21 owner's property for ad valorem tax purposes.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 25.195, Tax Code, is amended by adding
 1-24 Subsections (a-1) and (c-1) and amending Subsections (d) and (e) to
 1-25 read as follows:

1-26 (a-1) On request by a property owner or the designated agent
 1-27 of an owner, a chief appraiser shall provide electronically or by
 1-28 mail at the address designated by the property owner or agent a copy
 1-29 of the records, supporting data, schedules, and other material and
 1-30 information the owner or agent is entitled to inspect and copy under
 1-31 Subsection (a). A chief appraiser may not impose a fee for
 1-32 providing a copy of records, supporting data, schedules, or other
 1-33 material or information under this subsection.

1-34 (c-1) On request by a property owner or the designated agent
 1-35 of an owner, a private appraisal firm shall provide electronically
 1-36 or by mail at the address designated by the property owner or agent
 1-37 a copy of the information the owner or agent is entitled to inspect
 1-38 and copy under Subsection (c). A private appraisal firm may not
 1-39 impose a fee for providing a copy of information under this
 1-40 subsection.

1-41 (d) The appraisal firm shall make information covered by
 1-42 Subsection (c) available for inspection and copying by the owner or
 1-43 agent or provide the information as required by Subsection (c-1),
 1-44 as applicable, not later than the 15th day after the date the owner
 1-45 or agent delivers a written request to inspect or receive a copy of
 1-46 the information, unless the owner or agent agrees in writing to a
 1-47 later date.

1-48 (e) If an owner or agent states under oath in a document
 1-49 filed with an appraisal review board in connection with a
 1-50 proceeding initiated under Section 25.25 or Chapter 41 that the
 1-51 applicable appraisal firm has not complied with a request for
 1-52 inspection or copying under Subsection (c) or a request to receive a
 1-53 copy of information under Subsection (c-1) related to the property
 1-54 that is the subject of the proceeding, the board may not conduct a
 1-55 hearing on the merits of any claim relating to that property and may
 1-56 not approve the appraisal records relating to that property until
 1-57 the board determines in a hearing that:

1-58 (1) the appraisal firm has made the information
 1-59 available for inspection and copying as required by Subsection (c)
 1-60 or has provided the information as required by Subsection (c-1), as
 1-61 applicable; or

2-1 (2) the owner or agent has withdrawn the motion or
2-2 protest that initiated the proceeding.

2-3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.

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