

1-1 By: Johnson S.B. No. 334  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 13, 2021; March 9, 2021, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Local Government;  
 1-4 April 14, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 14, 2021,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-14	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 334 By: Menéndez

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to disclosure under the public information law of certain  
 1-22 records of an appraisal district.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 552.149(b), Government Code, is amended  
 1-25 to read as follows:

1-26 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the property owner or  
 1-27 the owner's agent may, on request, obtain from the chief appraiser  
 1-28 of the applicable appraisal district a copy of each item of  
 1-29 information described by Section 41.461(a)(2), Tax Code, and a copy  
 1-30 of each item of information that the chief appraiser took into  
 1-31 consideration but does not plan to introduce at the hearing on the  
 1-32 protest. In addition, the property owner or agent may, on request,  
 1-33 obtain from the chief appraiser comparable sales data from a  
 1-34 reasonable number of sales that is relevant to any matter to be  
 1-35 determined by the appraisal review board at the hearing on the  
 1-36 property owner's protest or by the arbitrator at the hearing on the  
 1-37 property owner's appeal under Chapter 41A, Tax Code, of the  
 1-38 appraisal review board's order determining the protest.  
 1-39 Information obtained under this subsection:

1-40 (1) remains confidential in the possession of the  
 1-41 property owner or agent; and

1-42 (2) may not be disclosed or used for any purpose except  
 1-43 as evidence or argument at the hearing on:

1-44 (A) the protest; or

1-45 (B) the appeal under Chapter 41A, Tax Code.

1-46 SECTION 2. Section 552.149(e), Government Code, is  
 1-47 repealed.

1-48 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
 1-49 a request described by Section 552.149(b), Government Code, as  
 1-50 amended by this Act, received by the chief appraiser of an appraisal  
 1-51 district on or after the effective date of this Act. A request  
 1-52 received by a chief appraiser before the effective date of this Act  
 1-53 is governed by the law in effect on the date the request was  
 1-54 received, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
 1-55 purpose.

1-56 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-57 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

2-1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-3 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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