CHAPTER 1035

H.B. No. 2792

AN ACT
relating to the circumstances under which an appraisal review board hearing shall be closed to the public.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 41.66, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsections (d-1) and (d-2) to read as follows:

(d) Except as provided by Subsection (d-1), hearings conducted as provided by this chapter are open to the public.

(d-1) Notwithstanding Chapter 551, Government Code, the appraisal review board shall conduct a hearing that is closed to the public if the property owner or the chief appraiser intends to disclose proprietary or confidential information at the hearing that will assist the review board in determining the protest. The review board may hold a closed hearing under this subsection only on a joint motion by the property owner and the chief appraiser.

(d-2) Information described by Subsection (d-1) is considered information obtained under Section 22.27.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 9, 2013: Yeas 131, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 21, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 1036

H.B. No. 2825

AN ACT
relating to the authority of a county to establish a centralized sex offender registration authority.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article 62.0045, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 62.0045. CENTRALIZED REGISTRATION AUTHORITY. (a) The commissioners court of [in] a county [with a population of 190,000 or more] may designate the office of the sheriff of the county or may, through interlocal agreement, designate the office of a chief of police of a municipality in that county to serve as a mandatory countywide registration location for persons subject to this chapter.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a person [who is] subject to this chapter is required to perform the registration and verification requirements of Articles [shall register under Article] 62.051 and [or verify registration under Article] 62.058 and the change of address requirements of Article 62.055 only with respect to the centralized registration authority for the county, regardless of whether the person resides in any municipality located in that county. If the person resides in a municipality, and the local law enforcement authority in the municipality does not serve as the person's centralized registration authority, the centralized registration authority, not later than the third day after the date the person registers or verifies registration or changes address with that authority, shall provide to the local law enforcement authority in that municipality notice of the person's registration, or verification of registration, or change of address, as applicable, with the centralized registration authority.