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- 2 relating to an offense for certain communications between an
- 3 appraisal review board member and a chief appraiser or appraisal
- 4 district employee concerning a matter related to an ad valorem tax
- 5 protest.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 7 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 6, Tax Code, is amended by
- 8 adding Section 6.411 to read as follows:
- 9 Sec. 6.411. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS; PENALTY. (a) A
- 10 member of an appraisal review board commits an offense if the member
- 11 communicates with the chief appraiser or another employee of the
- 12 appraisal district for which the appraisal review board is
- established in violation of Section 41.66(f).
- 14 (b) A chief appraiser or another employee of an appraisal
- 15 district commits an offense if the chief appraiser or other
- 16 employee communicates with a member of the appraisal review board
- 17 established for the appraisal district in a circumstance in which
- the appraisal review board member is prohibited by Section 41.66(f)
- from communicating with the chief appraiser or other employee.
- 20 (c) This section does not apply to communications that do
- 21 not discuss the specific evidence, argument, facts, merits, or
- 22 property involved in a hearing currently pending before the
- 23 appraisal review board or to communications between the board and
- 24 <u>its legal</u> counsel.

(d) An offense under this se	ction is a Class C misdemeanor.
SECTION 2. This Act takes ef	ffect September 1, 2003.
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<u>President of the Senate</u>	Speaker of the House
I hereby certify that S.B.	No. 1452 passed the Senate on
May 6, 2003, by the following vote:	Yeas 31, Nays O
	Secretary of the Senate
I hereby certify that S.B.	No. 1452 passed the House on
May 25, 2003, by a non-record vote.	
Approved	Chief Clerk of the House
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Secretary of State