

Texas Association of Appraisal Districts 2009 Legislative Priorities List

The Texas Association of Appraisal Districts supports these initiatives:

- Ensuring the independence of the Appraisal Review Board process
- Increasing the training required of appraisal review board members
- Ensuring consistency and compliance with the law and generally accepted appraisal techniques through appraisal standards reviews of appraisal districts and the conduct of periodic ratio studies
- Changing the Tax Code to prohibit reductions in values by appraisal review boards and district courts in appeals (concerning equality and uniformity) to less than 90 percent of market values determined by the appraisal review boards or district courts
- Maintaining HB1010 appraisal-related changes to separate appraisal districts at each county's line

The Texas Association of Appraisal Districts opposes:

- Broadening the scope of arbitration
- Changing the governance of appraisal district boards of directors or the composition thereof
- Unfunded mandates to appraisal districts, which in turn are passed to entities and ultimately to taxpayers

Other topics of interest to the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts:

- Appraisal caps and revenue caps (TAAD recognizes that individual CADs may support on a local basis)
- Mandatory sales disclosure (TAAD recognizes that individual CADs may support on a local basis)
- The truth in taxation process (TAAD will provide resources to implement any changes the Legislature may enact to simplify the truth in taxation process, to promote transparency and to promote greater accountability)