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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

HB4413

Lowe (Dick) of the House and Montgomery of the Senate By:

Title: Revenue and taxation; ad valorem; valuation; protests; effective date.

Together with Engrossed Senate Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

- 1. That the Senate recede from its amendment; and
- 2. That the attached Conference Committee Substitute be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

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1	STATE OF OKLAHOMA		
2	2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)		
3	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR		
4	ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 4413 By: Lowe (Dick) of the House		
5	and		
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7	Montgomery of the Senate		
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9	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE		
10	An Act relating to revenue and taxation; amending 68 O.S. 2021, Section 2826, which relates to appraisers;		
11	providing procedure for hiring appraisers; limiting appraisers involvement in valuation process; making		
12	certain contracts subject to the Open Records Act; making certain communication between county assessor		
13	and appraisers subject to Open Records Act; requiring certain qualifications; providing for codification;		
14	and providing an effective date.		
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:		
18	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2021, Section 2826, is		
19	amended to read as follows:		
20	Section 2826. A. 1. For residential property, the county		
21	assessor may appoint, or may request the Oklahoma Tax Commission to		
22	assign, an appraiser to assist the county assessor in valuation of		
23	the property; and		
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<u>2. For nonresidential property, after consultation with the</u>
 <u>Oklahoma Tax Commission, the county assessor may appoint an</u>
 <u>appraiser to assist the county assessor in valuation of the</u>
 property.

5 <u>B.</u> Appraisers whose services may be obtained by appointment by 6 the assessor or who may be assigned by the Oklahoma Tax Commission, 7 upon request of the county assessor, to assist any county assessor 8 shall act in an advisory capacity only. Valuations <u>made recommended</u> 9 by such appraisers shall not be binding upon the assessor. All 10 valuations made pursuant to the Ad Valorem Tax Code shall be made 11 and entered by the assessor pursuant to law.

12 <u>C. Appraisers whose services were obtained to assist the county</u> 13 assessor for valuation shall not participate in any valuation 14 <u>negotiations, protests to the assessor, or protests to the county</u> 15 <u>board of equalization. Contracts for such appraiser services shall</u> 16 be subject to the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

17 D. County assessors may provide photocopies of taxpayer 18 rendition forms and photocopies of any other documents filed by the 19 taxpayer which are directly related to and necessary for appraisers 20 to assist in this capacity. The original documents filed by the 21 taxpayer must be maintained by the county assessors. Upon the 22 expiration of the period for reassessment, provided in Section 2846 23 of this title, all copies of taxpayer documents and the related work 24 papers of the appraisers must be destroyed or returned to the county 1 assessors by February 1 of the following year. In addition, all 2 photocopies of taxpayer documentation and appraiser work papers must 3 be returned to the county assessor within ten (10) calendar days of 4 the termination of the contract with the appraisers to provide the 5 services described in this section.

E. Except for communications of information protected by
 Section 2835 of this title, all communications between a county
 assessor and an appraiser, including communications through a third
 party, shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Records Act.
 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2826.1 of Title 68, unless there
12 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

To be qualified to be appointed or assigned to assist a county assessor pursuant to Section 2826 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the appraiser must:

Be a state-certified general appraiser under the Oklahoma
 Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act; and

Have successfully completed the advanced accreditation
 program conducted by the Oklahoma State University Center for Local
 Government Technology pursuant to Section 2816 of Title 68 of the
 Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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