Lucio III (Senate Sponsor - Eltife) H.B. No. 3357 1-1 By: (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2015; May 7, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Business 1-2 1-3 and Commerce; May 22, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.) 1-4 1-5

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COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Eltife	Х			
1-9	Creighton	Х			
1-10	Ellis	Х			
1-11	Huffines			Х	
1-12	Schwertner			Х	
1-13	Seliger	Х			
1-14	Taylor of Galveston			Х	
1-15	Watson	Х			
1-16	Whitmire	Х			

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1-19 relating to permitted methods for certain political subdivisions to 1-20 post notice of a meeting. 1-21

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 1-23 SECTION 1. Sections 551.053(a) and (c), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The governing body of a water district or other district 1-24 1-25 or political subdivision that extends into four or more counties 1-26 shall:

(1) post notice of each meeting at a place convenient to the public in the administrative office of the district or 1-27 1-28 political subdivision; 1-29

1-30 (2) provide notice of each meeting to the secretary of 1-31 state; and

(3) <u>either</u> provide notice of each meeting to the county clerk of the county in which the administrative office of the 1-32 1-33 district or political subdivision is located or post notice of each 1-34 meeting on the district's or political subdivision's Internet 1-35 1-36 website.

(c) A county clerk shall post <u>a</u> [the] notice provided to the <u>clerk</u> under Subsection (a)(3) on a bulletin board at a place 1-37 1-38 convenient to the public in the county courthouse. 1-39

SECTION 2. 1-40 Section 551.054, Government Code, is amended to read as follows: 1-41

Sec. 551.054. DISTRICT OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EXTENDING INTO FEWER THAN FOUR COUNTIES: NOTICE TO PUBLIC AND COUNTY CLERKS; 1-42 1-43 PLACE OF POSTING NOTICE. (a) The governing body of a water 1-44 1-45 district or other district or political subdivision that extends 1-46 into fewer than four counties shall:

 $(1)\,$ post notice of each meeting at a place convenient to the public in the administrative office of the district or 1-47 1-48 1-49 political subdivision; and

(2) <u>either</u> provide notice of each meeting to the county clerk of each county in which the district or political subdivision is located or post notice of each meeting on the district's or political subdivision's Internet website. 1-50 1-51 1-52 1-53

(b) A county clerk shall post <u>a</u> [the] notice provided to the clerk under Subsection (a)(2) on a bulletin board at a place 1-54 1-55 convenient to the public in the county courthouse. 1-56

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to notice for a meeting held on or after the effective date of this 1-57 1-58 Act. Notice for a meeting held before the effective date of this Act 1-59 is governed by the law in effect on the date the notice is given, and 1-60 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. 1-61

H.B. No. 3357 2-1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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