

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 679  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 20, 2015; February 24, 2015,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce;  
 1-4 March 23, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
 1-5 Nays 0; March 23, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to public meetings of joint airport boards.  
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-21 SECTION 1. Section 551.001(3), Government Code, is amended  
 1-22 to read as follows:  
 1-23 (3) "Governmental body" means:  
 1-24 (A) a board, commission, department, committee,  
 1-25 or agency within the executive or legislative branch of state  
 1-26 government that is directed by one or more elected or appointed  
 1-27 members;  
 1-28 (B) a county commissioners court in the state;  
 1-29 (C) a municipal governing body in the state;  
 1-30 (D) a deliberative body that has rulemaking or  
 1-31 quasi-judicial power and that is classified as a department,  
 1-32 agency, or political subdivision of a county or municipality;  
 1-33 (E) a school district board of trustees;  
 1-34 (F) a county board of school trustees;  
 1-35 (G) a county board of education;  
 1-36 (H) the governing board of a special district  
 1-37 created by law;  
 1-38 (I) a local workforce development board created  
 1-39 under Section 2308.253;  
 1-40 (J) a nonprofit corporation that is eligible to  
 1-41 receive funds under the federal community services block grant  
 1-42 program and that is authorized by this state to serve a geographic  
 1-43 area of the state; ~~and~~  
 1-44 (K) a nonprofit corporation organized under  
 1-45 Chapter 67, Water Code, that provides a water supply or wastewater  
 1-46 service, or both, and is exempt from ad valorem taxation under  
 1-47 Section 11.30, Tax Code; and  
 1-48 (L) a joint board created under Section 22.074,  
 1-49 Transportation Code.  
 1-50 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 551, Government Code, is  
 1-51 amended by adding Section 551.0501 to read as follows:  
 1-52 Sec. 551.0501. JOINT BOARD: PLACE OF POSTING NOTICE.  
 1-53 (a) In this section, "electronic bulletin board" means an  
 1-54 electronic communication system that includes a perpetually  
 1-55 illuminated screen on which the governmental body can post messages  
 1-56 or notices viewable without manipulation by the public.  
 1-57 (b) A joint board created under Section 22.074,  
 1-58 Transportation Code, shall post notice of each meeting on a  
 1-59 physical or electronic bulletin board at a place convenient to the  
 1-60 public in the board's administrative offices.  
 1-61 SECTION 3. The heading to Section 551.056, Government Code,

2-1 is amended to read as follows:

2-2 Sec. 551.056. ADDITIONAL POSTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN  
2-3 MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, JUNIOR COLLEGE  
2-4 DISTRICTS, ~~AND~~ DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS, AUTHORITIES, AND JOINT  
2-5 BOARDS.

2-6 SECTION 4. Section 551.056(b), Government Code, is amended  
2-7 to read as follows:

2-8 (b) In addition to the other place at which notice is  
2-9 required to be posted by this subchapter, the following  
2-10 governmental bodies and economic development corporations must  
2-11 also concurrently post notice of a meeting on the Internet website  
2-12 of the governmental body or economic development corporation:

2-13 (1) a municipality;

2-14 (2) a county;

2-15 (3) a school district;

2-16 (4) the governing body of a junior college or junior  
2-17 college district, including a college or district that has changed  
2-18 its name in accordance with Chapter 130, Education Code;

2-19 (5) a development corporation organized under the  
2-20 Development Corporation Act (Subtitle C1, Title 12, Local  
2-21 Government Code); ~~and~~

2-22 (6) a regional mobility authority included within the  
2-23 meaning of an "authority" as defined by Section 370.003,  
2-24 Transportation Code; and

2-25 (7) a joint board created under Section 22.074,  
2-26 Transportation Code.

2-27 SECTION 5. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
2-28 to notice that is required to be posted on or after the effective  
2-29 date of this Act. Notice that is required to be posted prior to the  
2-30 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at that  
2-31 time, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2-32 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-33 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-34 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-35 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-36 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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