

1-1 By: Huffines, Whitmire, Zaffirini S.B. No. 115
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 1-4 March 20, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 1; March 20, 2017,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 115 By: Creighton

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the Internet broadcast of certain open meetings.
 1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 551, Government Code, is
 1-24 amended by adding Section 551.024 to read as follows:
 1-25 Sec. 551.024. INTERNET BROADCAST AND ARCHIVE OF OPEN
 1-26 MEETINGS. (a) This section applies only to a governmental body
 1-27 that is an agency within the executive or legislative branch of
 1-28 state government to which the total appropriation made in the
 1-29 General Appropriations Act from general revenue for any fiscal year
 1-30 beginning on or after September 1, 2017, including any amount of
 1-31 general revenue transferred to the governmental body under that Act
 1-32 for that fiscal year, is greater than \$40 million and for which the
 1-33 bill pattern for the General Appropriations Act for the same fiscal
 1-34 year designates 250 or more full-time employees.
 1-35 (b) A governmental body that becomes subject to this section
 1-36 under Subsection (a) for a fiscal year shall comply with this
 1-37 section in each following fiscal year.
 1-38 (c) A governmental body subject to this section shall
 1-39 broadcast over the Internet live video and audio of each open
 1-40 meeting of the governmental body. The governmental body shall
 1-41 provide access to the broadcast on the governmental body's Internet
 1-42 website.
 1-43 (d) Not later than the seventh day after the date an open
 1-44 meeting is broadcast under this section, the governmental body
 1-45 shall make available through the governmental body's Internet
 1-46 website archived video and audio of the open meeting. The
 1-47 governmental body shall maintain the archived video and audio of
 1-48 the open meeting on the governmental body's Internet website until
 1-49 the second anniversary of the date the archived video and audio was
 1-50 first made available on the website.
 1-51 (e) The governmental body shall provide on the governmental
 1-52 body's Internet website the same notice of the open meeting that the
 1-53 governmental body is required to post under Subchapter C. The
 1-54 notice must be posted on the governmental body's Internet website
 1-55 within the time required for posting notice under Subchapter C.
 1-56 (f) The governmental body may use for an Internet broadcast
 1-57 of an open meeting of the governmental body a room made available to
 1-58 the governmental body on request in any state building, as that term
 1-59 is defined by Section 2165.301.
 1-60 (g) The governmental body is exempt from the requirements of

2-1 this section to the extent a catastrophe, as defined by Section
2-2 551.0411, or a technical breakdown prevents the governmental body
2-3 from complying with this section. Following the catastrophe or
2-4 technical breakdown, the governmental body shall make all
2-5 reasonable efforts to make the required video and audio of the open
2-6 meeting available in a timely manner.

2-7 (h) The governmental body shall consider contracting
2-8 through competitive bidding with a private individual or entity to
2-9 broadcast and archive an open meeting subject to this section to
2-10 minimize the cost of complying with this section.

2-11 SECTION 2. Section 551.024, Government Code, as added by
2-12 this Act, applies only to an open meeting held on or after September
2-13 1, 2019.

2-14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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