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S.B. No. 1732

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a requirement that certain water districts make audio and video recordings of open meetings available on the Internet.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 551.128(a) and (b-1), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) In this section:

(1) [✓] "Internet" means the largest nonproprietary cooperative public computer network, popularly known as the Internet.

(2) "Water district" has the meaning assigned by Section 551.131(a).

(b-1) A transit authority or department subject to Chapter 451, 452, 453, or 460, Transportation Code, an elected school district board of trustees for a school district that has a student enrollment of 10,000 or more, an elected governing body of a home-rule municipality that has a population of 50,000 or more, a water district whose territory includes land in three or more counties, or a county commissioners court for a county that has a population of 125,000 or more shall:

(1) make a video and audio recording of reasonable quality of each:

(A) regularly scheduled open meeting that is not a work session or a special called meeting; and

1                   (B) open meeting that is a work session or  
2 special called meeting if:

3                   (i) the governmental body is an elected  
4 school district board of trustees for a school district that has a  
5 student enrollment of 10,000 or more; and

6                   (ii) at the work session or special called  
7 meeting, the board of trustees votes on any matter or allows public  
8 comment or testimony; and

9                   (2) make available an archived copy of the video and  
10 audio recording of each meeting described by Subdivision (1) on the  
11 Internet.

12           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.