

AN ACT

relating to posting on the Internet the notice of a meeting of a governmental body.

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

SECTION 1. Section 551.043, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 551.043. TIME AND ACCESSIBILITY OF NOTICE; GENERAL RULE. (a) The notice of a meeting of a governmental body must be posted in a place readily accessible to the general public at all times for at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting, except as provided by Sections 551.044-551.046.

(b) If this chapter specifically requires or allows a governmental body to post notice of a meeting on the Internet:

(1) the governmental body satisfies the requirement that the notice must be posted in a place readily accessible to the general public at all times by making a good-faith attempt to continuously post the notice on the Internet during the prescribed period;

(2) the governmental body must still comply with any duty imposed by this chapter to physically post the notice at a particular location; and

(3) if the governmental body makes a good-faith attempt to continuously post the notice on the Internet during the prescribed period, the notice physically posted at the location

1 prescribed by this chapter must be readily accessible to the
2 general public during normal business hours.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2381 was passed by the House on May 9, 2005, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2381 on May 27, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2381 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor