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H.B. No. 768

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the requirement that certain governmental bodies make  
3 audio and video recordings of open meetings available on the  
4 Internet.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 551.128(b-1), Government Code, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (b-1) A transit authority or department subject to Chapter  
9 451, 452, 453, or 460, Transportation Code, [~~an elected school~~  
10 ~~district board of trustees for a school district that has a student~~  
11 ~~enrollment of 10,000 or more, an elected governing body of a~~  
12 ~~home-rule municipality that has a population of 50,000 or more, or a~~  
13 ~~county commissioners court for]~~ a county that has a population of  
14 5,000 [125,000] or more, and any political subdivision located  
15 wholly or partly in a county that has a population of 5,000 or more  
16 shall:

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

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

21 (B) open meeting that is a work session or  
22 special called meeting if:

23 (i) the governmental body is an elected  
24 school district board of trustees for a school district that has a

1 student enrollment of 10,000 or more; and

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

5 (2) make available an archived copy of the video and  
6 audio recording of each meeting described by Subdivision (1) on the  
7 Internet.

8 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
9 an open meeting held on or after the effective date of this Act. An  
10 open meeting held before the effective date of this Act is governed  
11 by the law in effect on the date of the open meeting, and the former  
12 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.