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H.B. No. 2969

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the ability of a person in attendance at an open meeting of a governmental body to stream live video and audio of the meeting on the Internet.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 551.023, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 551.023. RECORDING OR LIVESTREAMING OF MEETING BY PERSON IN ATTENDANCE.

SECTION 2. Section 551.023(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person in attendance at an open meeting of a governmental body may:

(1) record all or any part of the [~~an open~~] meeting [~~of a governmental body~~] by means of a recorder, video camera, or other means of aural or visual reproduction; or

(2) stream live video and audio of all or any part of the meeting on the Internet.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.