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H.B. No. 2990

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a requirement to make certain environmental and water  
use permit applications available online.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter M, Chapter 5, Water Code, is amended  
by adding Section 5.559 to read as follows:

Sec. 5.559. INTERNET WEBSITE POSTING OF APPLICATION. After  
an application has been determined to be administratively complete,  
the applicant or the commission shall:

(1) post on a publicly accessible Internet website:

(A) the application; and

(B) any subsequent revision or supplement to the  
application as the revision or supplement becomes available; and

(2) until the commission takes final action on the  
application:

(A) maintain the posting on the Internet website;  
and

(B) include the address of the Internet website  
in any public notice provided by the applicant or commission,  
including under Section 5.552 or 5.553.

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Water Code, is amended  
by adding Section 11.159 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.159. INTERNET WEBSITE POSTING OF APPLICATION.  
After an application has been determined to be administratively

1 complete, the applicant or the commission shall:

2 (1) post on a publicly accessible Internet website:

3 (A) the application, the map, and any supporting  
4 materials required by this subchapter; and

5 (B) any subsequent revision or supplement to the  
6 application as the revision or supplement becomes available; and

7 (2) until the commission takes final action on the  
8 application:

9 (A) maintain the posting; and

10 (B) include the address of the Internet website  
11 in any public notice provided by the applicant or commission,  
12 including under Section [11.132](#).

13 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
14 an application received by the Texas Commission on Environmental  
15 Quality on or after the effective date of this Act. An application  
16 received before the effective date of this Act is governed by the  
17 law in effect on the date the application was received, and the  
18 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.