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H.B. No. 3838

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the display of emergency and other notices by a governmental entity on the entity's Internet website.

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

SECTION 1. (a) This section takes effect only if the Act of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes becomes law.

(b) Subchapter E, Chapter 2051, Government Code, as added by Chapter 1029 (H.B. 305), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, is redesignated as Subchapter F, Chapter 2051, Government Code, and amended by adding Section 2051.203 to read as follows:

Sec. 2051.203. REQUIRED POSTING OF NOTICE. (a) In this section "governmental entity" has the meaning assigned by Section 2051.041.

(b) A governmental entity shall post in a prominent location on the home page of the entity's Internet website:

(1) each emergency notification issued by the entity;
and

(2) any other official notice issued by the entity, including notices regarding the entity's ability or inability to provide services the entity normally provides to the public.

SECTION 2. (a) This section takes effect only if the Act of

1 the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, relating to
2 nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes does
3 not become law.

4 (b) Subchapter E, Chapter 2051, Government Code, as added by
5 Chapter 1029 (H.B. 305), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular
6 Session, 2019, is amended by adding Section 2051.153 to read as
7 follows:

8 Sec. 2051.153. REQUIRED POSTING OF NOTICE. (a) In this
9 section "governmental entity" has the meaning assigned by Section
10 2051.041.

11 (b) A governmental entity shall post in a prominent location
12 on the home page of the entity's Internet website:

13 (1) each emergency notification issued by the entity;
14 and

15 (2) any other official notice issued by the entity,
16 including notices regarding the entity's ability or inability to
17 provide services the entity normally provides to the public.

18 SECTION 3. (a) This section takes effect only if the Act of
19 the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, relating to
20 nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes
21 becomes law.

22 (b) Section 2051.151, Government Code, as added by Chapter
23 1029 (H.B. 305), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session,
24 2019, is redesignated as Section 2051.201, Government Code, and
25 amended to read as follows:

26 Sec. 2051.201 [~~2051.151~~]. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER.
27 Except as provided by Sections 2051.202(b) and 2051.203 [~~Section~~

1 ~~2051.152(b)~~], this subchapter applies only to a political
2 subdivision with the authority to impose a tax that at any time on
3 or after January 1, 2019, maintained a publicly accessible Internet
4 website.

5 SECTION 4. (a) This section takes effect only if the Act of
6 the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, relating to
7 nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes does
8 not become law.

9 (b) Section 2051.151, Government Code, as added by Chapter
10 1029 (H.B. 305), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session,
11 2019, is amended to read as follows:

12 Sec. 2051.151. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. Except as
13 provided by Sections [~~Section~~] 2051.152(b) and 2051.153, this
14 subchapter applies only to a political subdivision with the
15 authority to impose a tax that at any time on or after January 1,
16 2019, maintained a publicly accessible Internet website.

17 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.