

1-1 By: Canales (Senate Sponsor - Johnson) H.B. No. 4373
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 15, 2023;
 1-3 May 15, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
 1-4 & Commerce; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the procedure by which a regional water planning group
 1-22 is required to make the regional water plan prepared by the group
 1-23 available for public inspection.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 16.053(h), Water Code, is amended by
 1-26 amending Subdivision (3) and adding Subdivision (13) to read as
 1-27 follows:

1-28 (3) After the regional water plan is initially
 1-29 prepared, the regional water planning group shall, after notice,
 1-30 hold at least one public hearing at some central location readily
 1-31 accessible to the public within the regional water planning
 1-32 area. The group shall make ~~[copies of]~~ the plan available for
 1-33 public inspection at least one month before the hearing by posting
 1-34 the plan on the group's publicly accessible Internet website and
 1-35 may make the plan available for review at other locations
 1-36 [providing a copy of the plan in the county courthouse and at least
 1-37 one public library of each county having land in the
 1-38 region]. Notice for the hearing must ~~[shall]~~ include the address
 1-39 of the Internet website on which the plan will be posted ~~[a listing~~
 1-40 ~~of these]~~ and any other location where the plan is available for
 1-41 review.

1-42 (13) Each regional water planning group shall maintain
 1-43 a publicly accessible Internet website. Each regional water
 1-44 planning group shall consider and accommodate residents of the
 1-45 regional water planning area who may need assistance accessing the
 1-46 regional water plan prepared by the regional water planning group
 1-47 because of a lack of access to Internet services.

1-48 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
 1-49 a regional water plan required to be made available for public
 1-50 inspection on or after the effective date of this Act. A regional
 1-51 water plan required to be made available for public inspection
 1-52 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
 1-53 effect at the time the plan is required to be made available, and
 1-54 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-55 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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