

1-1 By: Kolkhorst, Zaffirini S.B. No. 943  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 15, 2023; March 3, 2023,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;  
1-4 April 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 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 publication of notices by a governmental entity on the  
1-22 Internet websites of a newspaper and the Texas Press Association.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 2051, Government Code, is  
1-25 amended by adding Section 2051.054 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 2051.054. INTERNET PUBLICATION OF NOTICES. (a)  
1-27 Subsections (b)(2) and (c) apply only if the Texas Press  
1-28 Association maintains an Internet website as a statewide repository  
1-29 of notices.

1-30 (b) A newspaper that publishes a notice shall, at no  
1-31 additional cost to the governmental entity placing the notice:

1-32 (1) publish the notice on one or more webpages on the  
1-33 newspaper's Internet website, if the newspaper maintains a website,  
1-34 that are:

1-35 (A) clearly designated for notices; and

1-36 (B) accessible to the public at no cost; and

1-37 (2) deliver the notice to the Texas Press Association  
1-38 for the association to publish on the association's Internet  
1-39 website described by Subsection (a).

1-40 (c) The Texas Press Association shall publish each notice it  
1-41 receives from a newspaper under Subsection (b)(2) on the  
1-42 association's Internet website described by Subsection (a). The  
1-43 association must ensure that the website:

1-44 (1) is accessible to the public at no cost;

1-45 (2) is updated as notices are received;

1-46 (3) is searchable and sortable by subject matter,  
1-47 location, and both subject matter and location; and

1-48 (4) offers an e-mail notification service to which a  
1-49 person may electronically subscribe to receive notifications that a  
1-50 notice has been published on the website and that allows the  
1-51 subscriber to limit the notifications by subject matter, location,  
1-52 or both subject matter and location.

1-53 (d) A person required to publish a notice on an Internet  
1-54 website under this section shall archive the notice on the website  
1-55 in its entirety, including the date the notice is published.

1-56 (e) The validity of a notice printed in a newspaper and  
1-57 published on an Internet website under this section is not affected  
1-58 if:

1-59 (1) there is an error in the notice published on the  
1-60 website; or

1-61 (2) publication of the notice on the website is

2-1 temporarily prevented as the result of a technical issue with the  
2-2 website.

2-3 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
2-4 a notice published on or after the effective date of this Act.

2-5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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