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S.B. No. 444

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a requirement that certain special purpose districts cause certain information to be posted on an Internet website.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2051.202, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), and (d) and adding Subsections (b-1) and (e) to read as follows:

(a) In this section, "special purpose district" has the meaning assigned by Section 403.0241 [~~means a political subdivision of this state with geographic boundaries that define the subdivision's territorial jurisdiction. The term does not include a municipality, county, junior college district, independent school district, groundwater conservation district, river authority, or political subdivision with statewide jurisdiction~~].

(b) This section applies only to a special purpose district described by Section 403.0241(b) [~~that:~~

~~(1) is authorized by the state by a general or special law to impose an ad valorem tax,~~

~~(2) during the most recent fiscal year imposed an ad valorem tax,~~

~~(3) during the most recent fiscal year:~~

~~(A) had bonds outstanding,~~

~~(B) had gross receipts from operations, loans, taxes, or contributions in excess of \$250,000, or~~

1 [~~(C) had cash and temporary investments in excess~~
2 ~~of \$250,000, and~~

3 [~~(4) at the beginning of the most recent fiscal year,~~
4 ~~had a population of 500 or more, as determined by the governing body~~
5 ~~of the special purpose district].~~

6 (b-1) This section does not apply to a groundwater
7 conservation district or a river authority.

8 (d) A special purpose district shall post or cause to be
9 posted on an Internet website the following information, if
10 applicable:

11 (1) the name of the special purpose district;

12 (2) the name and term of office of each member of the
13 governing body of the special purpose district;

14 (3) the contact information for the main office of the
15 special purpose district, including the physical address, the
16 mailing address, and the telephone number;

17 (4) the official contact information for each member
18 of the governing body of the special purpose district;

19 (5) if the special purpose district employs a person
20 as a general manager or executive director, or in another position
21 to perform duties or functions comparable to those of a general
22 manager or executive director, the name of the general manager,
23 executive director, or person that performs those duties;

24 (6) if the special purpose district contracts with a
25 utility operator, the contact information for a person representing
26 the utility operator, including a mailing address and telephone
27 number;

1 (7) if the special purpose district contracts with a
2 tax assessor-collector, the contact information for a person
3 representing the tax assessor-collector, including a mailing
4 address and telephone number;

5 (8) if the special purpose district imposes an ad
6 valorem tax, the rate of the ad valorem tax of the special purpose
7 district;

8 (9) if the special purpose district imposes a sales
9 and use tax, the rate of the sales and use tax of the special purpose
10 district;

11 (10) any notice of tax hearing required to be given
12 under Chapter 26, Tax Code, or Section 49.236, Water Code;

13 (11) the location and schedule of meetings of the
14 governing body of the special purpose district;

15 (12) a statement substantially similar to the
16 following: "Residents of the district have the right to request the
17 designation of a meeting location within the district under Section
18 49.062(g), Water Code. A description of this process can be found at
19 (insert link to the Internet website described by Section
20 49.062(g), Water Code).";

21 (13) each notice of a meeting of the governing body of
22 the special purpose district under Subchapter C, Chapter 551, for
23 meetings conducted in the current calendar year and the immediately
24 preceding calendar year;

25 (14) the minutes of a public meeting of the governing
26 body of the special purpose district under Section 551.021 for
27 meetings conducted in the current calendar year and the immediately

1 preceding calendar year; [~~and~~]

2 (15) the most recent financial audit of the special
3 purpose district; and

4 (16) if the special purpose district has elected
5 officers:

6 (A) the date and location of the next election
7 for each office; and

8 (B) the requirements and deadline for filing for
9 candidacy for each office.

10 (e) A special purpose district must post the information
11 required by Subsection (d)(16)(B) continuously for at least one
12 year before the date of the election for the office.

13 SECTION 2. Section 2051.201(c), Government Code, is
14 repealed.

15 SECTION 3. Section 2051.202(e), Government Code, as added
16 by this Act, applies only to an office the election for which takes
17 place after January 1, 2027.

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.