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1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental  
1-4 Relations; February 19, 2003, reported favorably by the following  
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to annual reports filed with the Office of Rural Community  
1-9 Affairs by emergency services districts.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 775.083, Health and Safety Code, is  
1-12 amended to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 775.083. ANNUAL REPORT. (a) On or before January 1 of  
1-14 each year, a district shall file with the Office of Rural Community  
1-15 Affairs [~~secretary of state~~] an annual report that includes the  
1-16 following:

- 1-17 (1) the district's name;  
1-18 (2) the name of each county in which the district is  
1-19 located;  
1-20 (3) the district's business address;  
1-21 (4) the name, mailing address, and term of office of  
1-22 each commissioner;  
1-23 (5) the name, mailing address, and term of office of  
1-24 the district's general manager, executive director, and fire chief;  
1-25 (6) the name of each legal counsel or other consultant  
1-26 for the district; and  
1-27 (7) the district's annual budget and tax rate for the  
1-28 preceding fiscal year.

1-29 (b) The Office of Rural Community Affairs [~~secretary of~~  
1-30 ~~state~~] may not charge a fee for filing the report.

1-31 (c) The Office of Rural Community Affairs shall develop and  
1-32 maintain an Internet-based system that enables:

- 1-33 (1) a district to securely file the report and update  
1-34 the district's information; and  
1-35 (2) the public to view, in a searchable format, the  
1-36 reports filed by districts under this section.

1-37 (d) If the information included in a district's annual  
1-38 report changes, the district shall update the district's  
1-39 information using the Internet-based system before the end of the  
1-40 calendar quarter in which the district's information changes.

1-41 SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 776, Health and Safety  
1-42 Code, is amended by adding Section 776.083 to read as follows:

1-43 Sec. 776.083. ANNUAL REPORT. (a) On or before January 1 of  
1-44 each year, a district shall file with the Office of Rural Community  
1-45 Affairs an annual report that includes the following:

- 1-46 (1) the district's name;  
1-47 (2) the name of each county in which the district is  
1-48 located;  
1-49 (3) the district's business address;  
1-50 (4) the name, mailing address, and term of office of  
1-51 each commissioner;  
1-52 (5) the name, mailing address, and term of office of  
1-53 the district's general manager, executive director, and fire chief;  
1-54 (6) the name of each legal counsel or other consultant  
1-55 for the district; and  
1-56 (7) the district's annual budget and tax rate for the  
1-57 preceding fiscal year.

1-58 (b) The Office of Rural Community Affairs may not charge a  
1-59 fee for filing the report.

1-60 (c) The Office of Rural Community Affairs shall develop and  
1-61 maintain an Internet-based system that enables:

- 1-62 (1) a district to securely file the report and update  
1-63 the district's information; and  
1-64 (2) the public to view, in a searchable format, the

2-1 reports filed by districts under this section.

2-2 (d) If the information included in a district's annual  
2-3 report changes, the district shall update the district's  
2-4 information using the Internet-based system before the end of the  
2-5 calendar quarter in which the district's information changes.

2-6 SECTION 3. The Office of Rural Community Affairs shall  
2-7 develop an Internet-based system as required by Subsection (c),  
2-8 Section 775.083, and Subsection (c), Section 776.083, Health and  
2-9 Safety Code, as added by this Act, before January 1, 2004.

2-10 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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