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S.B. No. 763

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the application of the open meetings law and the public information law to certain meetings and information regarding plans for responding to an act of terrorism.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 551, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 551.090 to read as follows:

Sec. 551.090. CERTAIN DELIBERATIONS OF COMMISSIONERS COURT OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY. This chapter does not require a county commissioners court or a municipal governing body to conduct an open meeting to deliberate the details, or specific occasions for implementation, of a plan for responding to an act of terrorism.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 552, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 552.145 to read as follows:

Sec. 552.145. EXCEPTION: CERTAIN RESPONSE PLANS OF MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY. Information is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if the information relates to a plan of a municipality or county for responding to an act of terrorism and is collected, assembled, or maintained by the department of the municipality or county responsible for emergency management or emergency responses.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.