

Amend **CSHB 2** as follows:

(1) On page 74, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following section, appropriately numbered:

SECTION 2C.____. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 11.1511 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.1511. ELECTRONIC NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS OR MEETINGS PERMITTED. (a) Instead of publishing notice for a public hearing or public meeting in the manner prescribed by statute, a school district may publish any required notice on its Internet website if authorized by rule adopted by the trustees of the independent school district.

(b) A school district that publishes notice under this section must have a link on its Internet website that is clearly identified as the link to public notices for public hearings or public meetings.

(2) On page 78, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following sections, appropriately numbered:

SECTION 2C.____. Section 44.031(g), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(g) Except as provided by Section 44.045, notice [~~Notice~~] of the time by when and place where the bids or proposals, or the responses to a request for qualifications, will be received and opened shall be published in the county in which the district's central administrative office is located, once a week for at least two weeks before the deadline for receiving bids, proposals, or responses to a request for qualifications. If there is not a newspaper in that county, the advertising shall be published in a newspaper in the county nearest the county seat of the county in which the district's central administrative office is located. In a two-step procurement process, the time and place where the second-step bids, proposals, or responses will be received are not required to be published separately.

SECTION 2C.____. Section 44.033(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Section 44.045, for [~~For~~] each

12-month period, the district shall publish a notice in two successive issues of any newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the school is located. If there is no newspaper in the county in which the school is located, the advertising shall be published in a newspaper in the county nearest the county seat of the county in which the school is located, specifying the categories of personal property to be purchased under this section and soliciting the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of vendors that are interested in supplying any of the categories to the district. For each category, the district shall create a vendor list consisting of each vendor that responds to the published notice and any additional vendors the district elects to include.

SECTION 2C.____. Subchapter B, Chapter 44, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 44.045 to read as follows:

Sec. 44.045. ELECTRONIC NOTICE. Instead of the detailed notice required under Sections 44.031(g) and 44.033(b), a school district may publish an abbreviated notice that states the universal resource locator of the publicly accessible Internet website where the detailed notice is published. The detailed notice must be continuously available on the website for whichever of the following periods is longer:

(1) the two weeks before the deadline for receiving bids, proposals, or responses to a request for qualifications; or

(2) the period required for the printed publication of the detailed notice.

SECTION 2C.____. Subchapter Z, Chapter 271, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 271.908 to read as follows:

Sec. 271.908. ELECTRONIC NOTICE BY SCHOOL DISTRICT. Instead of the detailed notice required by Sections 271.055 and 272.001, a school district may publish an abbreviated notice that states the universal resource locator of the publicly accessible Internet website where the detailed notice is published. The detailed notice must be continuously available on the website for whichever of the following periods is longer:

(1) the 14 days before the school district takes the action for which the notice is required; or

(2) the period required for the printed publication of

the detailed notice.

SECTION 2C.____. Section 272.001(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except for the types of land and interests covered by Subsection (b), (g), (h), (i), or (j), and except as provided by Sections [Section] 253.008 and 271.908, before land owned by a political subdivision of the state may be sold or exchanged for other land, notice to the general public of the offer of the land for sale or exchange must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in either the county in which the land is located or, if there is no such newspaper, in an adjoining county. The notice must include a description of the land, including its location, and the procedure by which sealed bids to purchase the land or offers to exchange the land may be submitted. The notice must be published on two separate dates and the sale or exchange may not be made until after the 14th day after the date of the second publication.

(3) On page 151, line 15, strike "adding Subsection (b-1) and amending Subsections (e) and (i)" and substitute "amending Subsections (b), (e), and (i) and adding Subsections (b-1) and (b-2)".

(4) On page 151, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-2), the [The] president shall provide for the publication of notice of the budget and proposed tax rate meeting in a daily, weekly, or biweekly newspaper published in the district. If no daily, weekly, or biweekly newspaper is published in the district, the president shall provide for the publication of notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the district's central administrative office is located. Notice under this subsection shall be published not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before the date of the hearing.

(5) On page 151, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

(b-2) Instead of publishing notice in the manner prescribed by Subsection (b), a school district may publish the required notice on its Internet website not earlier than the 30th day or

later than the 10th day before the date of the hearing. A school district that publishes notice under this subsection must have a link on its Internet website that is clearly identified as the link to the public notice for the budget and proposed tax rate meeting.

(6) On page 151, line 24, strike "and (b-1)" and substitute ", (b-1), and (b-2)".