

1-1 By: Carona S.B. No. 1140
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2005; March 21, 2005, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Administration;
1-4 May 3, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,
1-5 Nays 0; May 3, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to requiring a record vote by each house or committee of
1-9 the legislature on bills, proposed constitutional amendments,
1-10 amendments to bills and proposed constitutional amendments, and
1-11 certain other actions and to public notice of the record vote.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 301, Government Code, is
1-14 amended by adding Section 301.035 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 301.035. RECORD VOTE ON BILLS REQUIRED. (a) A vote
1-16 taken by a house or committee of the legislature must be by record
1-17 vote if the vote is on:

1-18 (1) approval or disapproval of a bill or an amendment
1-19 or substitute to a bill;

1-20 (2) approval or disapproval of a joint resolution
1-21 proposing or ratifying a constitutional amendment or an amendment
1-22 or substitute to such a joint resolution;

1-23 (3) the appointment or election of a legislative
1-24 officer or other public official; or

1-25 (4) the confirmation of an appointment or nomination
1-26 to public office.

1-27 (b) How each member voted on a matter described by
1-28 Subsection (a) shall be recorded in the journal of the appropriate
1-29 house or in the minutes of the appropriate committee.

1-30 (c) The secretary of the senate or chief clerk of the house
1-31 of representatives, as applicable, shall promptly:

1-32 (1) publish each record vote required by this section,
1-33 including the vote of each individual member, on the public
1-34 Internet site maintained by or for the appropriate house in a manner
1-35 that is easily accessible and searchable by members of the public;
1-36 and

1-37 (2) maintain that information on the Internet site for
1-38 at least two years after the date the vote is taken.

1-39 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-40 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-41 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-42 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-43 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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