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H.B. No. 2374

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the attendance by a quorum of a governmental body at  
3 certain events under the open meetings law.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 551.001(4), Government Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (4) "Meeting" means:

8 (A) a deliberation between a quorum of a  
9 governmental body, or between a quorum of a governmental body and  
10 another person, during which public business or public policy over  
11 which the governmental body has supervision or control is discussed  
12 or considered or during which the governmental body takes formal  
13 action; or

14 (B) except as otherwise provided by this  
15 subdivision, a gathering:

16 (i) that is conducted by the governmental  
17 body or for which the governmental body is responsible;

18 (ii) at which a quorum of members of the  
19 governmental body is present;

20 (iii) that has been called by the  
21 governmental body; and

22 (iv) at which the members receive  
23 information from, give information to, ask questions of, or receive  
24 questions from any third person, including an employee of the

1 governmental body, about the public business or public policy over  
2 which the governmental body has supervision or control.

3           The term does not include the gathering of a quorum of a  
4 governmental body at a social function unrelated to the public  
5 business that is conducted by the body, or the attendance by a  
6 quorum of a governmental body at a regional, state, or national  
7 convention or workshop, ceremonial event, or press conference, if  
8 formal action is not taken and any discussion of public business is  
9 incidental to the social function, convention, [~~or~~] workshop,  
10 ceremonial event, or press conference.

11           The term includes a session of a governmental body.

12           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.