

AN ACT

relating to the meeting notice that a governmental body may post in certain emergency situations.

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

SECTION 1. Section 551.045, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) For purposes of Subsection (b)(2), the sudden relocation of a large number of residents from the area of a declared disaster to a governmental body's jurisdiction is considered a reasonably unforeseeable situation for a reasonable period immediately following the relocation. Notice of an emergency meeting or supplemental notice of an emergency item added to the agenda of a meeting to address a situation described by this subsection must be given to members of the news media as provided by Section 551.047 not later than one hour before the meeting.

SECTION 2. 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 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1499 passed the Senate on April 19, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; May 24, 2007, Senate refused to concur in House amendment and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 25, 2007, House granted request of the Senate; May 26, 2007, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1499 passed the House, with amendment, on May 17, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting; May 25, 2007, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 27, 2007, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor