

By: King of Parker

H.B. No. 1662

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the availability of certain Upper Trinity Groundwater
3 Conservation District financial information on the district's
4 Internet website.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 8830, Special District
7 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Sections 8830.153, 8830.154,
8 and 8830.155 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 8830.153. ELECTRONIC CHECKING ACCOUNT TRANSACTION
10 REGISTER. (a) The district shall maintain the transaction
11 register for the district's checking account in a searchable
12 electronic spreadsheet format, such as a portable document format
13 (PDF) or similar file type, in which the transaction register is
14 readily available for purposes of Subsection (c). Except as
15 provided by Subsection (b), the electronic checking account
16 transaction register must include for each check written from the
17 district checking account:

18 (1) the transaction amount;
19 (2) the check number;
20 (3) the name of the payee; and
21 (4) a statement of the purpose of the expenditure for
22 which the check was written.

23 (b) The district may not include in the district's
24 electronic checking account transaction register a check issued to

1 district personnel in payment of:

2 (1) salary, wages, or an employment stipend; or

3 (2) a workers' compensation income benefit, medical
4 benefit, death benefit, or burial benefit that is issued by the
5 district.

6 (c) The district shall prominently post the electronic
7 checking account transaction register at all times on the
8 district's Internet website for viewing and downloading by
9 interested persons.

10 (d) The district shall:

11 (1) update the electronic checking account
12 transaction register at least once each month, not later than the
13 30th day after the closing date of the most recent monthly statement
14 for the checking account; and

15 (2) maintain each transaction or listing in the
16 electronic checking account transaction register on the district's
17 Internet website until the second anniversary of the date of the
18 transaction or listing.

19 Sec. 8830.154. POSTING OF DISTRICT CREDIT CARD
20 TRANSACTIONS. (a) The district shall post on the district's
21 Internet website a monthly listing of each transaction made using a
22 credit card issued to:

23 (1) the district; or

24 (2) a district officer or employee for use in
25 connection with district business.

26 (b) The listing of credit card transactions under
27 Subsection (a) must include, for each transaction:

1 (1) the month and year of the transaction;

2 (2) the amount of the transaction; and

3 (3) the name of the payee.

4 (c) The district may comply with Subsection (a) by posting a
5 credit card statement on the district's Internet website. Before
6 posting a credit card statement as permitted by this subsection,
7 the district shall remove or obliterate the name of the credit card
8 issuer, the credit card number, the name of the person to whom the
9 card is issued, the day of the month on which each transaction shown
10 was made, and the expiration date.

11 (d) The district shall:

12 (1) post each credit card transaction not later than
13 the 30th day after the first date the district pays any portion of
14 the balance due shown on the credit card statement that contains the
15 transaction; and

16 (2) maintain the listing of a credit card transaction
17 on the district's Internet website until the second anniversary of
18 the date of the transaction.

19 Sec. 8830.155. POSTING OF DISTRICT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION
20 INFORMATION. (a) In this section, "compensation" means salaries,
21 wages, and employment stipends.

22 (b) Not later than the first day of each fiscal year, the
23 district shall post on the district's Internet website a listing of
24 the total amounts budgeted for the compensation of district
25 personnel for the year, grouped by the following categories:

26 (1) operators and field inspectors;

27 (2) professional service providers;

1 (3) administrative staff; and

2 (4) all other employees.

3 (c) For each category under Subsection (b), the district
4 shall post:

5 (1) the number of full-time personnel; and

6 (2) the average compensation.

7 (d) The district shall maintain the personnel compensation
8 information for a year on the district's Internet website until the
9 district posts the information for the following year.

10 SECTION 2. The Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation
11 District shall make the first Internet postings required by
12 Sections 8830.153, 8830.154, and 8830.155, Special District Local
13 Laws Code, as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2010.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.