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H.B. No. 2743

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2743:

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C.S.H.B. No. 2743

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the availability of certain county financial information on certain counties' Internet websites.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 112, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 112.011 to read as follows:

Sec. 112.011. ELECTRONIC CHECKING ACCOUNT TRANSACTION REGISTER. (a) This section applies only to a county with a population of 250,000 or more.

(b) The county treasurer shall maintain the transaction register for the county's checking account in a searchable electronic spreadsheet format, such as a portable document format (PDF) or similar file type, in which the transaction register is readily available for purposes of Subsection (d). Except as provided by Subsection (c), the electronic checking account transaction register must include for each check written from a county checking account:

(1) the transaction amount;

(2) the name of the payee; and

(3) a statement of the purpose of the expenditure for which the check was written.

(b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), beginning September 1, 2010, a county's electronic checking account transaction register must contain the information required by Subsections

1 (b)(1) and (2) for each check dated on or after August 1, 2010.
2 Beginning September 1, 2011, a county's electronic checking account
3 transaction register must contain the information required by
4 Subsections (b)(1) through (3) for each check dated on or after
5 August 1, 2011. This subsection expires October 1, 2011.

6 (c) A county may not include in the county's electronic
7 checking account transaction register a check issued to a county
8 employee in payment of:

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

10 (2) a workers' compensation income benefit, medical
11 benefit, death benefit, or burial benefit that is issued by a county
12 operating as a self-insurer under Chapter 504, Labor Code.

13 (d) A county shall post the electronic checking account
14 transaction register at all times on the county's Internet website
15 for viewing and downloading by interested persons. The county may
16 not charge a fee to a person who views or downloads the electronic
17 checking account transaction register under this subsection.

18 (e) A county shall:

19 (1) update the electronic checking account
20 transaction register at least once each month, not later than the
21 30th day after the closing date of the most recent monthly statement
22 for the checking account; and

23 (2) maintain each transaction or listing in the
24 electronic checking account transaction register on the county's
25 Internet website until the first anniversary of the date of the
26 transaction or listing.

27 (f) The county treasurer may consult with the comptroller in

1 developing an electronic checking account transaction register
2 under this section.

3 (g) This section does not apply to a county that maintains a
4 check registry or a similar comprehensive monthly financial report
5 that was posted on the county's Internet website for public viewing
6 and downloading on or before August 1, 2010.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.