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H.B. No. 507

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 507:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notice for certain transactions involving local government entities in populous counties.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 44, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 44.0316 to read as follows:

Sec. 44.0316. NOTICE PUBLICATION IN POPULOUS COUNTIES. (a)

If a school district located wholly or partly in a county with a population of one million or more maintains an Internet website, the district, instead of meeting the publication requirements under Section 44.031(g), may:

(1) publish notice in a newspaper described by Section 44.031(g) once not later than the 14th day before the bid receipt deadline; and

(2) post notice continuously on the district website, with a conspicuous link to the notice on the site's home page, for at least 14 days immediately preceding the bid receipt deadline.

(b) The newspaper notice under Subsection (a) must include the time and place at which the bids will be publicly opened and the Internet website address for the procurement information.

(c) The board of trustees of a school district shall publicly adopt standards to ensure that Internet posting of notice under this section is archived.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 252, Local Government

1 Code, is amended by adding Section 252.0411 to read as follows:

2 Sec. 252.0411. NOTICE PUBLICATION IN POPULOUS COUNTIES.

3 (a) If a municipality located wholly or partly in a county with a  
4 population of one million or more maintains an Internet website,  
5 the municipality, instead of meeting the publication requirements  
6 under Section 252.041(a), may:

7 (1) publish notice in a newspaper described by Section  
8 252.041(a) once not later than the 14th day before the bid receipt  
9 deadline; and

10 (2) post notice continuously on the municipal website,  
11 with a conspicuous link to the notice on the site's home page, for  
12 at least 14 days immediately preceding the bid receipt deadline.

13 (b) The newspaper notice under Subsection (a) must include  
14 the time and place at which the bids will be publicly opened and the  
15 Internet website address for the procurement information.

16 (c) The governing body of a municipality shall publicly  
17 adopt standards to ensure that Internet posting of notice under  
18 this section is archived.

19 SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 262, Local Government  
20 Code, is amended by adding Section 262.0251 to read as follows:

21 Sec. 262.0251. NOTICE PUBLICATION IN POPULOUS COUNTIES. (a)

22 If a county with a population of one million or more maintains an  
23 Internet website, the county, instead of meeting the publication  
24 requirements under Section 262.025(a), may:

25 (1) publish notice in a newspaper described by Section  
26 262.025(a) once not later than the 14th day before the bid receipt  
27 deadline; and

1           (2) post notice continuously on the county website,  
2 with a conspicuous link to the notice on the site's home page, for  
3 at least 14 days immediately preceding the bid receipt deadline.

4           (b) The newspaper notice under Subsection (a) must include  
5 the time and place at which the bids will be publicly opened and the  
6 Internet website address for the procurement information.

7           (c) The commissioners court shall publicly adopt standards  
8 to ensure that Internet posting of notice under this section is  
9 archived.

10           SECTION 4. Subchapter B, Chapter 271, Local Government  
11 Code, is amended by adding Section 271.0251 to read as follows:

12           Sec. 271.0251. NOTICE PUBLICATION IN POPULOUS COUNTIES. (a)  
13 If a governmental entity located wholly or partly in a county with a  
14 population of one million or more maintains an Internet website,  
15 the entity, instead of meeting the publication requirements under  
16 Section 271.025(b), may:

17           (1) publish notice in a newspaper described by Section  
18 271.025(b) once not later than the 14th day before the bid receipt  
19 deadline; and

20           (2) post notice continuously on the entity's website,  
21 with a conspicuous link to the notice on the site's home page, for  
22 at least 14 days immediately preceding the bid receipt deadline.

23           (b) The newspaper notice under Subsection (a) must include  
24 the time and place at which the bids will be publicly opened and the  
25 Internet website address for the procurement information.

26           (c) The governing body of the governmental entity shall  
27 publicly adopt standards to ensure that Internet posting of notice

1 under this section is archived.

2           SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
3 a notice required to be provided on or after September 1, 2011. A  
4 notice required to be provided before September 1, 2011, is  
5 governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and that  
6 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

7           SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.