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H.B. No. 2215

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirements of a municipal budget that raises more property taxes than in the previous year's budget.

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

SECTION 1. Section 102.007, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) An adopted budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year must contain a cover page that includes:

(1) the following statement in 18-point or larger type: "This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by (insert total dollar amount of increase and percentage increase), and of that amount (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the value of new property added to the roll) is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.";

(2) the record vote of each member of the governing body of the municipality regarding:

(A) the adoption of the budget;

(B) the ratification of the property tax increase under Subsection (c); and

(C) the setting of the property tax rate for the current fiscal year; and

(3) the municipal property tax rates for the preceding

1 and current fiscal years, including:

2 (A) the adopted property tax rate;

3 (B) the effective tax rate;

4 (C) the effective maintenance and operations tax  
5 rate; and

6 (D) the rollback tax rate.

7 SECTION 2. Section 102.008, Local Government Code, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Sec. 102.008. APPROVED BUDGET FILED WITH MUNICIPAL  
10 CLERK: POSTING ON INTERNET. On final approval of the budget by the  
11 governing body of the municipality, the governing body shall:

12 (1) file the budget with the municipal clerk; and

13 (2) if the municipality maintains an Internet website,  
14 take action to ensure that:

15 (A) a copy of the budget is posted on the website;  
16 and

17 (B) the record votes described by Section  
18 102.007(d)(2) are posted on the website at least until the first  
19 anniversary of the date the budget is adopted.

20 SECTION 3. This Act applies only to a budget adopted on or  
21 after the effective date of this Act. A budget adopted before the  
22 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the  
23 budget was adopted, and that law is continued in effect for that  
24 purpose.

25 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.