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H.B. No. 2313

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the requirement to post notice of the subject of a
3 meeting under the open meetings law as the requirement relates to
4 reports about items of community interest at a meeting of a
5 commissioners court.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 551.0415, Government Code, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 Sec. 551.0415. GOVERNING BODY OF MUNICIPALITY OR
10 COUNTY: REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST REGARDING WHICH
11 NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN. (a) Notwithstanding Sections 551.041 and
12 551.042, a quorum of the governing body of a municipality or county
13 may receive from [~~municipal~~] staff of the political subdivision and
14 a member of the governing body may make a report about items of
15 community interest during a meeting of the governing body without
16 having given notice of the subject of the report as required by this
17 subchapter if no action is taken and, except as provided by Section
18 551.042, possible action is not discussed regarding the information
19 provided in the report.

20 (b) For purposes of Subsection (a), "items of community
21 interest" includes:

22 (1) expressions of thanks, congratulations, or
23 condolence;

24 (2) information regarding holiday schedules;

1 (3) an honorary or salutary recognition of a public
2 official, public employee, or other citizen, except that a
3 discussion regarding a change in the status of a person's public
4 office or public employment is not an honorary or salutary
5 recognition for purposes of this subdivision;

6 (4) a reminder about an upcoming event organized or
7 sponsored by the governing body;

8 (5) information regarding a social, ceremonial, or
9 community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the
10 governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a
11 member of the governing body or an official or employee of the
12 political subdivision [~~municipality~~]; and

13 (6) announcements involving an imminent threat to the
14 public health and safety of people in the political subdivision
15 [~~municipality~~] that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.