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S.B. No. 677

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the enforcement of the public information law;
3 providing for the imposition of a civil penalty.

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

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 552.3215, Government
6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 552.3215. DECLARATORY JUDGMENT, ~~OR~~ INJUNCTIVE
8 RELIEF, OR CIVIL PENALTY.

9 SECTION 2. Section 552.3215, Government Code, is amended by
10 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (b-1) and (l) to
11 read as follows:

12 (b) An action for a declaratory judgment, ~~or~~ injunctive
13 relief, or a civil penalty may be brought in accordance with this
14 section against a governmental body that violates this chapter.

15 (b-1) A governmental body that violates this chapter is
16 subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation.
17 Each day the violation continues is considered a separate
18 violation.

19 (l) A civil penalty collected under this section shall be
20 deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue
21 fund.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.