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H.B. No. 2668

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements applicable to meetings of the governing board of certain junior college districts.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 551, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 551.1282 to read as follows:

Sec. 551.1282. GOVERNING BOARD OF JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT: INTERNET POSTING OF MEETING MATERIALS AND BROADCAST OF OPEN MEETING. (a) This section applies only to the governing board of a junior college district with a total student enrollment of more than 20,000 in any semester of the preceding academic year.

(b) A governing board to which this section applies, for any regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board for which notice is required under this chapter, shall:

(1) post as early as practicable in advance of the meeting on the Internet website of the district any written agenda and related supplemental written materials provided by the district to the board members for the members' use during the meeting;

(2) broadcast the meeting, other than any portions of the meeting closed to the public as authorized by law, over the Internet in the manner prescribed by Section 551.128; and

(3) record the broadcast and make that recording publicly available in an online archive located on the district's Internet website.

1 (c) Subsection (b)(1) does not apply to written materials
2 that the general counsel or other appropriate attorney for the
3 district certifies are confidential or may be withheld from public
4 disclosure under Chapter 552.

5 (d) The governing board of a junior college district is not
6 required to comply with the requirements of this section if that
7 compliance is not possible because of an act of God, force majeure,
8 or a similar cause not reasonably within the governing board's
9 control.

10 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
11 to a meeting of the governing board of a junior college district for
12 which notice is given under Chapter 551, Government Code, on or
13 after January 1, 2014.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.