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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to Internet broadcasts of open meetings held by
3 governmental bodies, including regional tollway authorities,
4 regional mobility authorities, and metropolitan planning
5 organizations.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subsection (c), Section 551.128, Government
8 Code, is amended to read as follows:

9 (c) A governmental body that broadcasts a meeting over the
10 Internet shall establish an Internet site and provide access to the
11 broadcast, without charge, from that site. The governmental body
12 shall provide on the Internet site the same notice of the meeting
13 that the governmental body is required to post under Subchapter C.
14 The notice on the Internet must be posted within the time required
15 for posting notice under Subchapter C.

16 SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 366, Transportation Code,
17 is amended by adding Section 366.263 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 366.263. INTERNET BROADCAST OF OPEN MEETINGS. In a
19 manner that complies with Section 551.128(c), Government Code, an
20 authority shall broadcast over the Internet live video and audio of
21 each open meeting held by the authority. Subsequently, the
22 authority shall make available through the authority's Internet
23 website archived video and audio for each meeting for which live
24 video and audio was provided under this section.

1 SECTION 3. Subchapter F, Chapter 370, Transportation Code,
2 is amended by adding Section 370.263 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 370.263. INTERNET BROADCAST OF OPEN MEETINGS. In a
4 manner that complies with Section 551.128(c), Government Code, an
5 authority shall broadcast over the Internet live video and audio of
6 each open meeting held by the authority. Subsequently, the
7 authority shall make available through the authority's Internet
8 website archived video and audio for each meeting for which live
9 video and audio was provided under this section.

10 SECTION 4. Subchapter D, Chapter 472, Transportation Code,
11 is amended by adding Section 472.036 to read as follows:

12 Sec. 472.036. INTERNET BROADCAST OF OPEN MEETINGS. In a
13 manner that complies with Section 551.128(c), Government Code, a
14 metropolitan planning organization shall broadcast over the
15 Internet live video and audio of each open meeting held by the
16 organization. Subsequently, the organization shall make available
17 through the organization's Internet website archived video and
18 audio for each meeting for which live video and audio was provided
19 under this section.

20 SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
21 an open meeting held on or after the effective date of this Act.

22 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.