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H.B. No. 139

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the posting of certain notices for political
3 subdivisions on the comptroller's Internet website.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 2051, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

7 SUBCHAPTER E. NOTICE BY POSTING ON INTERNET FOR POLITICAL
8 SUBDIVISIONS

9 Sec. 2051.151. NOTICE BY POSTING ON COMPTROLLER'S INTERNET
10 WEBSITE. (a) This section does not apply to notice of an election.

11 (b) A political subdivision shall provide to the
12 comptroller an electronic copy of each notice required by law to be
13 published by the political subdivision in a newspaper. The
14 political subdivision must submit the notice to the comptroller in
15 the format required by the comptroller not later than the third day
16 before the date the political subdivision is required to first
17 publish the notice in the newspaper.

18 (c) A political subdivision shall determine by official
19 action if the political subdivision will exclusively provide notice
20 in the manner provided by Subsection (b) or continue to provide
21 notice by publication in a newspaper in addition to providing
22 notice in the manner provided by Subsection (b). If a political
23 subdivision determines to exclusively provide notice in the manner
24 provided by Subsection (b), the political subdivision is exempt

1 from any requirement to provide the notice by publication in a
2 newspaper. A political subdivision that determines to exclusively
3 provide notice in the manner provided by Subsection (b) shall
4 publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the political
5 subdivision once a week for four consecutive weeks the Internet
6 address of the web page on the comptroller's Internet website at
7 which the political subdivision's notices may be located.

8 (d) The comptroller shall establish and maintain a web page
9 on the comptroller's Internet website to post notices provided
10 under Subsection (b). The comptroller shall post the notices on the
11 web page, in the format that the comptroller determines is
12 appropriate, not later than the third day after the date the
13 political subdivision provides the notice to the comptroller.

14 (e) The comptroller shall establish a system to allow a
15 person on request to receive an e-mail alert for an update to a
16 category of notices on the web page established under Subsection
17 (d). The comptroller shall maintain an electronic archive on the
18 comptroller's Internet website of notices posted on the web page.

19 (f) The comptroller may adopt rules necessary to implement
20 and administer this section.

21 SECTION 2. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this
22 section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2016.

23 (b) Section 2051.151(f), Government Code, as added by this
24 Act, takes effect September 1, 2015.