A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the posting of certain notices for political subdivisions on the comptroller's Internet website.

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

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

SUBCHAPTER E. NOTICE BY POSTING ON INTERNET FOR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

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

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

(c) A political subdivision shall determine by official action if the political subdivision will exclusively provide notice in the manner provided by Subsection (b) or continue to provide notice by publication in a newspaper in addition to providing notice in the manner provided by Subsection (b). If a political subdivision determines to exclusively provide notice in the manner provided by Subsection (b), the political subdivision is exempt
from any requirement to provide the notice by publication in a 
newspaper. A political subdivision that determines to exclusively 
provide notice in the manner provided by Subsection (b) shall 
publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the political 
subdivision once a week for four consecutive weeks the Internet 
address of the web page on the comptroller's Internet website at 
which the political subdivision's notices may be located.

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

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

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

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

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