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H.B. No. 685

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 685:

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C.S.H.B. No. 685

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the production of public information available on the  
3 website of a political subdivision of this state.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 552.221, Government Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

7 (b-1) In addition to the methods of production described by  
8 Subsection (b), an officer for public information for a political  
9 subdivision of this state complies with Subsection (a) by referring  
10 a requestor to an exact Internet location or uniform resource  
11 locator (URL) address on a website maintained by the political  
12 subdivision and accessible to the public if the requested  
13 information is identifiable and readily available on that website.  
14 If the person requesting the information prefers a manner other  
15 than access through the URL, the political subdivision must supply  
16 the information in the manner required by Subsection (b).

17 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
18 a request for information that is received by a governmental body or  
19 an officer for public information on or after the effective date of  
20 this Act. A request for information that was received before the  
21 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the  
22 date the request was received, and the former law is continued in  
23 effect for that purpose.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.