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H.B. No. 2839

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2839:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the production of public information under the public information law.

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

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

(b-1) In addition to the methods of production described by Subsection (b), an officer for public information complies with Subsection (a) by referring a requestor to an exact Internet location or uniform resource locator (URL) address on a website that at the time of the referral is accessible to the public if the requested information is identifiable and readily available on that website.

SECTION 2. Section 182.052, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) A governmental body as defined by Section 552.003, Government Code, may withhold information prohibited from being disclosed under this section without the necessity of requesting a decision from the attorney general under Subchapter G, Chapter 552, Government Code.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a request for information that is received by a governmental body or an officer for public information on or after the effective date of this Act. A request for information that was received before the

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1 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the  
2 date the request was received, and the former law is continued in  
3 effect for that purpose.

4       SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.