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H.B. No. 3357

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to permitted methods for certain political subdivisions to post notice of a meeting.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 551.053(a) and (c), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The governing body of a water district or other district or political subdivision that extends into four or more counties shall:

(1) post notice of each meeting at a place convenient to the public in the administrative office of the district or political subdivision;

(2) provide notice of each meeting to the secretary of state; and

(3) either provide notice of each meeting to the county clerk of the county in which the administrative office of the district or political subdivision is located or post notice of each meeting on the district's or political subdivision's Internet website.

(c) A county clerk shall post a ~~the~~ notice provided to the clerk under Subsection (a)(3) on a bulletin board at a place convenient to the public in the county courthouse.

SECTION 2. Section 551.054, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

1           Sec. 551.054. DISTRICT OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EXTENDING  
2 INTO FEWER THAN FOUR COUNTIES: NOTICE TO PUBLIC AND COUNTY CLERKS;  
3 PLACE OF POSTING NOTICE. (a) The governing body of a water  
4 district or other district or political subdivision that extends  
5 into fewer than four counties shall:

6                   (1) post notice of each meeting at a place convenient  
7 to the public in the administrative office of the district or  
8 political subdivision; and

9                   (2) either provide notice of each meeting to the  
10 county clerk of each county in which the district or political  
11 subdivision is located or post notice of each meeting on the  
12 district's or political subdivision's Internet website.

13                   (b) A county clerk shall post a a [~~the~~] notice provided to the  
14 clerk under Subsection (a)(2) on a bulletin board at a place  
15 convenient to the public in the county courthouse.

16           SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
17 to notice for a meeting held on or after the effective date of this  
18 Act. Notice for a meeting held before the effective date of this Act  
19 is governed by the law in effect on the date the notice is given, and  
20 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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