

AN ACT

relating to the online broadcast of open meetings of institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 551.121(f), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) Each part of the telephone conference call meeting that is required to be open to the public must ~~[shall]~~ be:

(1) audible to the public at the location specified in the notice of the meeting as the location of the meeting;

(2) broadcast over the Internet in the manner prescribed by Section 551.128; and

(3) ~~[shall be]~~ recorded and ~~[. The recording shall be]~~ made available to the public in an online archive located on the Internet website of the entity holding the meeting.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a meeting for which notice is posted under Section 551.043, Government Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. Meetings for which notice is posted before the effective date of this Act are governed by the law in effect at that time.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 27 passed the Senate on April 16, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 27 passed the House on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 4, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor