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H.B. No. 523

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the requirement that certain elected school district  
3 boards make audio and video recordings of certain work sessions and  
4 special called meetings available on the Internet.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 551.128(b-1), Government Code, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (b-1) A transit authority or department subject to Chapter  
9 451, 452, 453, or 460, Transportation Code, an elected school  
10 district board of trustees for a school district that has a student  
11 enrollment of 10,000 or more, an elected governing body of a  
12 home-rule municipality that has a population of 50,000 or more, or a  
13 county commissioners court for a county that has a population of  
14 125,000 or more shall:

15 (1) make a video and audio recording of reasonable  
16 quality of each:

17 (A) regularly scheduled open meeting that is not  
18 a work session or a special called meeting; and

19 (B) open meeting that is a work session or  
20 special called meeting if:

21 (i) the governmental body is an elected  
22 school district board of trustees for a school district that has a  
23 student enrollment of 10,000 or more; and

24 (ii) at the work session or special called

1 meeting, the board of trustees votes on any matter or allows public  
2 comment or testimony; and

3 (2) make available an archived copy of the video and  
4 audio recording of each meeting described by Subdivision (1) on the  
5 Internet.

6 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
7 an open meeting held on or after the effective date of this Act. An  
8 open meeting that is held before the effective date of this Act is  
9 governed by the law in effect on the date of the open meeting, and  
10 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.