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H.B. No. 1532

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to posting notice of self-help resources on the Internet website of a state court and in the office of the court clerk.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 51, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 51.808 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.808. NOTICE OF SELF-HELP RESOURCES. (a) The clerk of each court in this state shall:

(1) post on the court's Internet website, if any, a link to:

(A) the self-help resources Internet website designated by the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System, in consultation with the Texas Access to Justice Commission, that includes information on:

(i) lawyer referral services certified under Chapter 952, Occupations Code;

(ii) the name, location, and any Internet website of any local legal aid office; and

(iii) any court-affiliated self-help center serving the county in which the court is located; and

(B) the State Law Library's Internet website; and

(2) conspicuously display in the clerk's office in a location frequently accessed by the public a sign with the information described in Subdivision (1).

1 (b) The Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial
2 System shall prescribe the format for the information required
3 under Subsection (a).

4 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
5 of this Act, the Office of Court Administration of the Texas
6 Judicial System shall prescribe the format of the information
7 required under Section 51.808, Government Code, as added by this
8 Act.

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