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H.B. No. 1541

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the posting of required notice by a political subdivision on Internet websites.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2051, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER E. NOTICE BY PUBLICATION ON INTERNET FOR POLITICAL
SUBDIVISIONS

Sec. 2051.151. NOTICE BY PUBLICATION ON INTERNET. A political subdivision may satisfy a requirement in any other law to provide notice by publication in a newspaper by posting the notice continuously from the earliest date provided for in the requirement until the day after the date the action for which notice was required occurs:

(1) on its Internet website; or

(2) on a social media website, provided that:

(A) the political subdivision controls the content of the posting; and

(B) the notice is easily found by searching the name of the political subdivision on the Internet.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.