

By: Burkett

H.B. No. 3141

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of municipal notices by utility bill and mail.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 2051, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2051.054 to read as follows:

Sec. 2051.054. NOTICE OF MUNICIPALITY BY UTILITY BILL AND MAIL. (a) In this section, "utility" means a person that provides to the public gas, electricity, telephone, wastewater, or water service.

(b) A municipality may satisfy a requirement in any other law to provide notice by publication in a newspaper by:

(1) contracting with a utility to:

(A) include a copy of the notice in the utility bill that is received by each utility customer; and

(B) provide the municipality with a list of utility customers that includes the address of each customer; and

(2) mailing the notice to municipal residents who do not receive a utility bill.

(c) A municipality or utility providing notice under this section shall ensure that the notice is received at least one day before the date of the event for which the notice is provided.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

H.B. No. 3141

1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.