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S.B. No. 79

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the production of public information available on a  
3 publicly accessible website.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 552.221(b-1) and (b-2), Government  
6 Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (b-1) In addition to the methods of production described by  
8 Subsection (b), an officer for public information for a  
9 governmental body [~~political subdivision of this state~~] complies  
10 with Subsection (a) by referring a requestor to an exact Internet  
11 location or uniform resource locator (URL) address on a website  
12 maintained by the governmental body [~~political subdivision~~] and  
13 accessible to the public if the requested information is  
14 identifiable and readily available on that website. If the person  
15 requesting the information prefers a manner other than access  
16 through the URL, the governmental body [~~political subdivision~~] must  
17 supply the information in the manner required by Subsection (b).

18 (b-2) If an officer for public information for a  
19 governmental body [~~political subdivision~~] provides by e-mail an  
20 Internet location or uniform resource locator (URL) address as  
21 permitted by Subsection (b-1), the e-mail must contain a statement  
22 in a conspicuous font clearly indicating that the requestor may  
23 nonetheless access the requested information by inspection or  
24 duplication or by receipt through United States mail, as provided

1 by Subsection (b).

2           SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
3 a request for information that is received by a governmental body or  
4 an officer for public information on or after the effective date of  
5 this Act. A request for information that was received before the  
6 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the  
7 date the request was received, and the former law is continued in  
8 effect for that purpose.

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