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S.B. No. 119

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Internet broadcast of open meetings of the Texas Lottery Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 467, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 467.0301 to read as follows:

Sec. 467.0301. INTERNET BROADCAST AND ARCHIVE OF OPEN MEETINGS. (a) The commission shall:

(1) broadcast over the Internet live video and audio of each open meeting of the commission;

(2) make a video and audio recording of reasonable quality of the broadcast; and

(3) provide access to the archived video and audio on the commission's Internet website.

(b) Not later than the seventh day after the date an open meeting is broadcast under this section, the commission shall make available through the commission's Internet website archived video and audio of the open meeting. The commission shall maintain the archived video and audio of the open meeting on the commission's Internet website for not less than two years after the date the archived video and audio was first made available on the website.

(c) The commission shall provide on the commission's Internet website the same notice of the open meeting that the commission is required to post under Subchapter C, Chapter 551. The

1 notice must be posted on the commission's Internet website within
2 the time required for posting notice under Subchapter C, Chapter
3 551.

4 (d) The commission may use for an Internet broadcast of an
5 open meeting of the commission a room made available to the
6 commission on request in any state building, as that term is defined
7 by Section 2165.301.

8 (e) The commission is exempt from the requirements of this
9 section to the extent a catastrophe, as defined by Section
10 551.0411, or a technical breakdown prevents the commission from
11 complying with this section. Following the catastrophe or
12 technical breakdown, the commission shall make all reasonable
13 efforts to make the required video and audio of the open meeting
14 available in a timely manner.

15 (f) The commission shall consider contracting through
16 competitive bidding with a private individual or entity to
17 broadcast and archive an open meeting subject to this section to
18 minimize the cost of complying with this section.

19 SECTION 2. Section 467.0301, Government Code, as added by
20 this Act, applies only to an open meeting held on or after September
21 1, 2019.

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