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S.B. No. 127

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the Internet broadcast of open meetings of the Texas  
3 Board of Professional Land Surveying.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 1071, Occupations Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 1071.060 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1071.060. INTERNET BROADCAST AND ARCHIVE OF OPEN  
8 MEETINGS. (a) The board shall broadcast over the Internet live  
9 video and audio of each open meeting of the board. The board shall  
10 provide access to the broadcast on the board's Internet website.

11 (b) Not later than the seventh day after the date an open  
12 meeting is broadcast under this section, the board shall make  
13 available through the board's Internet website archived video and  
14 audio of the open meeting. The board shall maintain the archived  
15 video and audio of the open meeting on the board's Internet website  
16 until the second anniversary of the date the archived video and  
17 audio was first made available on the website.

18 (c) The board shall provide on the board's Internet website  
19 the same notice of the open meeting that the board is required to  
20 post under Subchapter C, Chapter 551, Government Code. The notice  
21 must be posted on the board's Internet website within the time  
22 required for posting notice under Subchapter C, Chapter 551,  
23 Government Code.

24 (d) The board is exempt from the requirements of this

1 section to the extent a catastrophe, as defined by Section  
2 551.0411, Government Code, or a technical breakdown prevents the  
3 board from complying with this section. Following the catastrophe  
4 or technical breakdown, the board shall make all reasonable efforts  
5 to make the required video and audio of the open meeting available  
6 in a timely manner.

7 (e) The board shall consider contracting through  
8 competitive bidding with a private individual or entity to  
9 broadcast and archive an open meeting subject to this section to  
10 minimize the cost of complying with this section.

11 SECTION 2. Section 1071.060, Occupations Code, as added by  
12 this Act, applies only to an open meeting held on or after September  
13 1, 2019.

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