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S.B. No. 622

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to itemizing certain public notice expenditures in certain political subdivision budgets.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 140, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 140.0045 to read as follows:

Sec. 140.0045. ITEMIZATION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC NOTICE EXPENDITURES REQUIRED IN CERTAIN POLITICAL SUBDIVISION BUDGETS.

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the proposed budget of a political subdivision must include a line item indicating expenditures for notices required by law to be published in a newspaper by the political subdivision or a representative of the political subdivision that allows as clear a comparison as practicable between those expenditures in the proposed budget and actual expenditures for the same purpose in the preceding year.

(b) This section does not apply to:

(1) a county with a population of less than 50,000; or

(2) a political subdivision primarily located in a county described by Subdivision (1).

SECTION 2. The change in law made by Section 140.0045, Local Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a proposed budget for a fiscal year beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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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.