

1-1 By: Campbell S.B. No. 1440  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2017; March 20, 2017, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;  
 1-4 April 26, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,  
 1-5 Nays 1; April 26, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the attendance by a quorum of a governmental body at  
 1-20 certain candidate events under the open meetings law.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 551.001(4), Government Code, is amended  
 1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 (4) "Meeting" means:

1-25 (A) a deliberation between a quorum of a  
 1-26 governmental body, or between a quorum of a governmental body and  
 1-27 another person, during which public business or public policy over  
 1-28 which the governmental body has supervision or control is discussed  
 1-29 or considered or during which the governmental body takes formal  
 1-30 action; or

1-31 (B) except as otherwise provided by this  
 1-32 subdivision, a gathering:

1-33 (i) that is conducted by the governmental  
 1-34 body or for which the governmental body is responsible;

1-35 (ii) at which a quorum of members of the  
 1-36 governmental body is present;

1-37 (iii) that has been called by the  
 1-38 governmental body; and

1-39 (iv) at which the members receive  
 1-40 information from, give information to, ask questions of, or receive  
 1-41 questions from any third person, including an employee of the  
 1-42 governmental body, about the public business or public policy over  
 1-43 which the governmental body has supervision or control.

1-44 The term does not include the gathering of a quorum of a  
 1-45 governmental body at a social function unrelated to the public  
 1-46 business that is conducted by the body, ~~or~~ the attendance by a  
 1-47 quorum of a governmental body at a regional, state, or national  
 1-48 convention or workshop, ceremonial event, or press conference, or  
 1-49 the attendance by a quorum of a governmental body at a candidate  
 1-50 forum, appearance, or debate to inform the electorate, if formal  
 1-51 action is not taken and any discussion of public business is  
 1-52 incidental to the social function, convention, workshop,  
 1-53 ceremonial event, ~~or~~ press conference, forum, appearance, or  
 1-54 debate.

1-55 The term includes a session of a governmental body.

1-56 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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