

1                   SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Texas Public Information Act has recently been  
3 impacted by court decisions; and

4           WHEREAS, During the 85th Legislative Session, lawmakers and  
5 other stakeholders spent months collaborating on several bills to  
6 improve the Act, with many proposals garnering broad support;  
7 despite those efforts, significant reforms failed to pass, leaving  
8 TPIA still susceptible to a number of loopholes; and

9           WHEREAS, Government transparency is a vital component of an  
10 informed citizenry, and it is incumbent on the State of Texas to  
11 ensure that the public have access to information regarding how  
12 their government functions in order to promote accountability,  
13 openness, and honesty; now, therefore, be it

14          RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas  
15 hereby request the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house  
16 of representatives to create a joint interim committee to examine  
17 all state open-government laws, including the Texas Public  
18 Information Act, for opportunities to improve transparency and  
19 accountability; and, be it further

20          RESOLVED, That the committee submit a full report, including  
21 its findings and recommendations, to the 86th Texas Legislature  
22 before it convenes in January 2019; and, be it further

23          RESOLVED, That the committee's proceedings and operations be  
24 governed by such general rules and policies for joint interim

1 committees as the 85th Legislature may adopt.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 56 was adopted by the Senate on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 56 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor