

By: Thompson of Brazoria

H.B. No. 2055

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the provision of information regarding certain  
3 enforcement actions by the Texas Commission on Environmental  
4 Quality.

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

6 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 7.003, Water Code, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 7.003. ENFORCEMENT REPORT AND STATUS MEETINGS.

9 SECTION 2. Section 7.003, Water Code, is amended by adding  
10 Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

11 (d) The commission shall publish each report required under  
12 Subsection (a) on the commission's Internet website not later than  
13 the 15th day before the date of a meeting of the commission for  
14 which public notice is given.

15 (e) This subsection applies to an enforcement action for  
16 which a decision or order of the commission has become final as  
17 provided by Section 2001.144, Government Code, and that involves a  
18 violation of Chapter 361, Health and Safety Code, by or at a  
19 municipal solid waste facility. On the request of a state senator  
20 or state representative, the commission quarterly shall conduct in  
21 the county in which the facility that is the subject of the  
22 enforcement action is located a public informational meeting  
23 regarding the status of the enforcement action. A representative  
24 of the facility that is the subject of the enforcement action must

1 attend a meeting held under this subsection and must make a  
2 reasonable effort to respond to questions relevant to the  
3 enforcement action at the meeting. The commission shall post  
4 notice of the meeting on the commission's Internet website and  
5 publish the notice once a week for two consecutive weeks before the  
6 meeting in one or more newspapers having general circulation in the  
7 county in which the meeting will be held. The notice must state the  
8 time, location, and subject matter of the meeting. The owner of the  
9 facility that is the subject of the enforcement action must  
10 reimburse the commission for the cost of publishing notice under  
11 this section.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.