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S.B. No. 373

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to Internet access to meetings of the board of directors of a regional mobility authority.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 551, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 551.1283 to read as follows:

Sec. 551.1283. GOVERNING BOARD OF REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY: INTERNET POSTING OF MEETING MATERIALS AND BROADCAST OF OPEN MEETING. (a) For a meeting of the board of a regional mobility authority governed by Chapter 370, Transportation Code, the authority shall:

(1) in addition to other meeting notice requirements under Subchapter C, concurrently post notice of the meeting on the authority's Internet website;

(2) post as early as practicable in advance of the meeting on the authority's Internet website any written agenda and related supplemental written materials provided by the authority to the directors for the directors' use during the meeting;

(3) broadcast the meeting over the Internet in the manner prescribed by Section 551.128; and

(4) record the broadcast and make that recording publicly available in an online archive located on the authority's Internet website not later than the second day after the date the meeting is held.

1 (b) The requirements of this section and this chapter apply
2 to a meeting of a subcommittee of a regional mobility authority
3 board, regardless of whether a quorum of the directors is present at
4 the meeting.

5 SECTION 2. Sections 551.056(b) and (c), Government Code,
6 are amended to read as follows:

7 (b) In addition to the other place at which notice is
8 required to be posted by this subchapter, the following
9 governmental bodies and economic development corporations must
10 also concurrently post notice of a meeting on the Internet website
11 of the governmental body or economic development corporation:

12 (1) a municipality;

13 (2) a county;

14 (3) a school district;

15 (4) the governing body of a junior college or junior
16 college district, including a college or district that has changed
17 its name in accordance with Chapter 130, Education Code;

18 (5) a development corporation organized under the
19 Development Corporation Act (Subtitle C1, Title 12, Local
20 Government Code); and

21 (6) ~~[a regional mobility authority included within the~~
22 ~~meaning of an "authority" as defined by Section 370.003,~~
23 ~~Transportation Code, and~~

24 ~~[(7)]~~ a joint board created under Section 22.074,
25 Transportation Code.

26 (c) The following governmental bodies and economic
27 development corporations must also concurrently post the agenda for

1 the meeting on the Internet website of the governmental body or
2 economic development corporation:

3 (1) a municipality with a population of 48,000 or
4 more;

5 (2) a county with a population of 65,000 or more;

6 (3) a school district that contains all or part of the
7 area within the corporate boundaries of a municipality with a
8 population of 48,000 or more;

9 (4) the governing body of a junior college district,
10 including a district that has changed its name in accordance with
11 Chapter 130, Education Code, that contains all or part of the area
12 within the corporate boundaries of a municipality with a population
13 of 48,000 or more; and

14 (5) a development corporation organized under the
15 Development Corporation Act (Subtitle C1, Title 12, Local
16 Government Code) that was created by or for:

17 (A) a municipality with a population of 48,000 or
18 more; or

19 (B) a county or district that contains all or
20 part of the area within the corporate boundaries of a municipality
21 with a population of 48,000 or more[~~, and~~

22 [~~(6) a regional mobility authority included within the~~
23 ~~meaning of an "authority" as defined by Section 370.003,~~
24 ~~Transportation Code].~~

25 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
26 to a meeting of the board of directors of a regional mobility
27 authority or a subcommittee of that board for which notice is given

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1 under Chapter [551](#), Government Code, on or after September 1, 2019.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.