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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to public notice of the availability on the Internet of
- 3 property-tax-related information.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 44.004(c), Education Code, is amended to
- 6 read as follows:
- 7 (c) The notice of public meeting to discuss and adopt the
- 8 budget and the proposed tax rate may not be smaller than one-quarter
- 9 page of a standard-size or a tabloid-size newspaper, and the
- 10 headline on the notice must be in 18-point or larger type. Subject
- 11 to Subsection (d), the notice must:
- 12 (1) contain a statement in the following form:
- "NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE
- "The (name of school district) will hold a public meeting at
- 15 (time, date, year) in (name of room, building, physical location,
- 16 city, state). The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school
- 17 district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be
- 18 adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited." The
- 19 statement of the purpose of the meeting must be in bold type. In
- 20 reduced type, the notice must state: "The tax rate that is
- 21 ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a
- 22 later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the
- 23 district publishes a revised notice containing the same information
- 24 and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to

- 1 discuss the revised notice." In addition, in reduced type, the
- 2 notice must state: "Visit PropertyTaxes.Texas.gov to find a link to
- 3 your local property tax database on which you can easily access
- 4 information regarding your property taxes, including information
- 5 about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each
- 6 entity that taxes your property.";
- 7 (2) contain a section entitled "Comparison of Proposed
- 8 Budget with Last Year's Budget," which must show the difference,
- 9 expressed as a percent increase or decrease, as applicable, in the
- 10 amounts budgeted for the preceding fiscal year and the amount
- 11 budgeted for the fiscal year that begins in the current tax year for
- 12 each of the following:
- 13 (A) maintenance and operations;
- 14 (B) debt service; and
- 15 (C) total expenditures;
- 16 (3) contain a section entitled "Total Appraised Value
- 17 and Total Taxable Value," which must show the total appraised value
- 18 and the total taxable value of all property and the total appraised
- 19 value and the total taxable value of new property taxable by the
- 20 district in the preceding tax year and the current tax year as
- 21 calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code;
- 22 (4) contain a statement of the total amount of the
- 23 outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness of the school district;
- 24 (5) contain a section entitled "Comparison of Proposed
- 25 Rates with Last Year's Rates," which must:
- 26 (A) show in rows the tax rates described by
- 27 Subparagraphs (i)-(iii), expressed as amounts per \$100 valuation of

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1 property, for columns entitled "Maintenance & Operations,"
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- 2 "Interest & Sinking Fund," and "Total," which is the sum of
- 3 "Maintenance & Operations" and "Interest & Sinking Fund":
- 4 (i) the school district's "Last Year's
- 5 Rate";
- 6 (ii) the "Rate to Maintain Same Level of
- 7 Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service," which:
- 8 (a) in the case of "Maintenance &
- 9 Operations," is the tax rate that, when applied to the current
- 10 taxable value for the district, as certified by the chief appraiser
- 11 under Section 26.01, Tax Code, and as adjusted to reflect changes
- 12 made by the chief appraiser as of the time the notice is prepared,
- 13 would impose taxes in an amount that, when added to state funds to
- 14 be distributed to the district under Chapter 48, would provide the
- 15 same amount of maintenance and operations taxes and state funds
- 16 distributed under Chapter 48 per student in average daily
- 17 attendance for the applicable school year that was available to the
- 18 district in the preceding school year; and
- 19 (b) in the case of "Interest & Sinking
- 20 Fund," is the tax rate that, when applied to the current taxable
- 21 value for the district, as certified by the chief appraiser under
- 22 Section 26.01, Tax Code, and as adjusted to reflect changes made by
- 23 the chief appraiser as of the time the notice is prepared, and when
- 24 multiplied by the district's anticipated collection rate, would
- 25 impose taxes in an amount that, when added to state funds to be
- 26 distributed to the district under Chapter 46 and any excess taxes
- 27 collected to service the district's debt during the preceding tax

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- 1 year but not used for that purpose during that year, would provide
- 2 the amount required to service the district's debt; and
- 3 (iii) the "Proposed Rate";
- 4 (B) contain fourth and fifth columns aligned with
- 5 the columns required by Paragraph (A) that show, for each row
- 6 required by Paragraph (A):
- 7 (i) the "Local Revenue per Student," which
- 8 is computed by multiplying the district's total taxable value of
- 9 property, as certified by the chief appraiser for the applicable
- 10 school year under Section 26.01, Tax Code, and as adjusted to
- 11 reflect changes made by the chief appraiser as of the time the
- 12 notice is prepared, by the total tax rate, and dividing the product
- 13 by the number of students in average daily attendance in the
- 14 district for the applicable school year; and
- 15 (ii) the "State Revenue per Student," which
- 16 is computed by determining the amount of state aid received or to be
- 17 received by the district under Chapters 43, 46, and 48 and dividing
- 18 that amount by the number of students in average daily attendance in
- 19 the district for the applicable school year; and
- 20 (C) contain an asterisk after each calculation
- 21 for "Interest & Sinking Fund" and a footnote to the section that, in
- 22 reduced type, states "The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is
- 23 used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or
- 24 both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were
- 25 approved by the voters of this district.";
- 26 (6) contain a section entitled "Comparison of Proposed
- 27 Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence," which must:

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- 1 (A) show in rows the information described by
- 2 Subparagraphs (i)-(iv), rounded to the nearest dollar, for columns
- 3 entitled "Last Year" and "This Year":
- 4 (i) "Average Market Value of Residences,"
- 5 determined using the same group of residences for each year;
- 6 (ii) "Average Taxable Value of Residences,"
- 7 determined after taking into account the limitation on the
- 8 appraised value of residences under Section 23.23, Tax Code, and
- 9 after subtracting all homestead exemptions applicable in each year,
- 10 other than exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons
- 11 65 years of age or older or their surviving spouses, and using the
- 12 same group of residences for each year;
- 13 (iii) "Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed
- 14 Rate per \$100 Value"; and
- 15 (iv) "Taxes Due on Average Residence,"
- 16 determined using the same group of residences for each year; and
- 17 (B) contain the following information: "Increase
- 18 (Decrease) in Taxes" expressed in dollars and cents, which is
- 19 computed by subtracting the "Taxes Due on Average Residence" for
- 20 the preceding tax year from the "Taxes Due on Average Residence" for
- 21 the current tax year;
- 22 (7) contain the following statement in bold print:
- 23 "Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the
- 24 residence of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving
- 25 spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age
- 26 or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount
- 27 paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of

- 1 changes in tax rate or property value.";
- 2 (8) contain the following statement in bold print:
- 3 "Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district
- 4 can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is (the
- 5 school district voter-approval rate determined under Section
- 6 26.08, Tax Code). This election will be automatically held if the
- 7 district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of (the
- 8 school district voter-approval rate)."; and
- 9 (9) contain a section entitled "Fund Balances," which
- 10 must include the estimated amount of interest and sinking fund
- 11 balances and the estimated amount of maintenance and operation or
- 12 general fund balances remaining at the end of the current fiscal
- 13 year that are not encumbered with or by corresponding debt
- 14 obligation, less estimated funds necessary for the operation of the
- 15 district before the receipt of the first payment under Chapter 48 in
- 16 the succeeding school year.
- 17 SECTION 2. Section 25.19, Tax Code, is amended by adding
- 18 Subsection (m) to read as follows:
- 19 (m) A notice required by Subsection (a) or (g) must include
- 20 the following statement: "Beginning August 7th, visit
- 21 PropertyTaxes.Texas.gov to find a link to your local property tax
- 22 database on which you can easily access information regarding your
- 23 property taxes, including information regarding the amount of taxes
- 24 that each entity that taxes your property will impose if the entity
- 25 <u>adopts its proposed tax rate. Your local property tax database will</u>
- 26 be updated regularly during August and September as local elected
- 27 officials propose and adopt the property tax rates that will

1 determine how much you pay in property taxes."

2 SECTION 3. Section 26.04(e-2), Tax Code, is amended to read

3 as follows:

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- By August 7 or as soon thereafter as practicable, the 4 5 chief appraiser of each appraisal district shall deliver by regular mail or e-mail to each owner of property located in the appraisal 6 district a notice that the estimated amount of taxes to be imposed 7 8 on the owner's property by each taxing unit in which the property is located may be found in the property tax database maintained by the 9 appraisal district under Section 26.17. The notice must include: 10
- 11 (1)the following [a] statement: 12 PropertyTaxes.Texas.gov to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your 13 property taxes, including information regarding the amount of taxes 14 15 that each entity that taxes your property will impose if the entity adopts its proposed tax rate. Your local property tax database will 16 17 be updated regularly during August and September as local elected officials propose and adopt the property tax rates that will 18 determine how much you pay in property taxes." [directing the 19 property owner to an Internet website from which the owner may 20 access information related to the actions taken or proposed to be 21 taken by each taxing unit in which the property is located that may 22 23 affect the taxes imposed on the owner's property];
- a statement that the property owner may request from the county assessor-collector for the county in which the 25 26 property is located or, if the county assessor-collector does not assess taxes for the county, the person who assesses taxes for the 27

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- 1 county under Section 6.24(b), contact information for the assessor
- 2 for each taxing unit in which the property is located, who must
- 3 provide the information described by this subsection to the owner
- 4 on request; and
- 5 (3) the name, address, and telephone number of the
- 6 county assessor-collector for the county in which the property is
- 7 located or, if the county assessor-collector does not assess taxes
- 8 for the county, the person who assesses taxes for the county under
- 9 Section 6.24(b).
- SECTION 4. Section 26.052, Tax Code, is amended by adding
- 11 Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:
- 12 (e-1) Public notice provided under Subsection (c) must
- 13 include the following statement: "Visit PropertyTaxes.Texas.gov to
- 14 find a link to your local property tax database on which you can
- 15 <u>easily access information regarding your property taxes, including</u>
- 16 <u>information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings</u>
- 17 of each entity that taxes your property."
- 18 SECTION 5. Sections 26.06(b-1), (b-2), and (b-3), Tax Code,
- 19 are amended to read as follows:
- 20 (b-1) If the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue
- 21 tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate of the taxing unit, the
- 22 notice must contain a statement in the following form:
- "NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE
- 24 "PROPOSED TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100
- 25 "NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100
- 26 "VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100
- 27 "The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the (current

- 1 tax year) tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax
- 2 revenue for (name of taxing unit) from the same properties in both
- 3 the (preceding tax year) tax year and the (current tax year) tax
- 4 year.
- 5 "The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that
- 6 (name of taxing unit) may adopt without holding an election to seek
- 7 voter approval of the rate.
- 8 "The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax
- 9 rate. This means that (name of taxing unit) is proposing to
- 10 increase property taxes for the (current tax year) tax year.
- "A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on
- 12 (date and time) at (meeting place).
- 13 "The proposed tax rate is also greater than the
- 14 voter-approval tax rate. If (name of taxing unit) adopts the
- 15 proposed tax rate, (name of taxing unit) is required to hold an
- 16 election so that the voters may accept or reject the proposed tax
- 17 rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the
- 18 tax rate of the (name of taxing unit) will be the voter-approval tax
- 19 rate. The election will be held on (date of election). You may
- 20 contact the (name of office responsible for administering the
- 21 election) for information about voting locations. The hours of
- 22 voting on election day are (voting hours).
- "Your taxes owed under any of the tax rates mentioned above
- 24 can be calculated as follows:
- 25 "Property tax amount = tax rate x taxable value of your
- 26 property / 100
- "(Names of all members of the governing body, showing how

- 1 each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one
- 2 or more were absent, indicating the absences.)
- 3 "Visit PropertyTaxes.Texas.gov to find a link to your local
- 4 property tax database on which you can easily access information
- 5 regarding your property taxes, including information about
- 6 proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity
- 7 that taxes your property.
- 8 "The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the
- 9 voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of
- 10 property taxes in the state."
- 11 (b-2) If the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue
- 12 tax rate but does not exceed the voter-approval tax rate of the
- 13 taxing unit, the notice must contain a statement in the following
- 14 form:
- 15 "NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE
- 16 "PROPOSED TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100
- 17 "NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100
- 18 "VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100
- "The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the (current
- 20 tax year) tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax
- 21 revenue for (name of taxing unit) from the same properties in both
- 22 the (preceding tax year) tax year and the (current tax year) tax
- 23 year.
- "The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that
- 25 (name of taxing unit) may adopt without holding an election to seek
- 26 voter approval of the rate.
- "The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax

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- 1 rate. This means that (name of taxing unit) is proposing to
- 2 increase property taxes for the (current tax year) tax year.
- 3 "A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on
- 4 (date and time) at (meeting place).
- 5 "The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval
- 6 tax rate. As a result, (name of taxing unit) is not required to
- 7 hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed
- 8 tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition
- 9 to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the (name of
- 10 governing body) of (name of taxing unit) at their offices or by
- 11 attending the public hearing mentioned above.
- "Your taxes owed under any of the tax rates mentioned above
- 13 can be calculated as follows:
- "Property tax amount = tax rate x taxable value of your
- 15 property / 100
- "(Names of all members of the governing body, showing how
- 17 each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one
- 18 or more were absent, indicating the absences.)
- 19 "Visit PropertyTaxes.Texas.gov to find a link to your local
- 20 property tax database on which you can easily access information
- 21 regarding your property taxes, including information about
- 22 proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity
- 23 that taxes your property.
- "The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the
- 25 voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of
- 26 property taxes in the state."
- 27 (b-3) If the proposed tax rate does not exceed the

- 1 no-new-revenue tax rate but exceeds the voter-approval tax rate of
- 2 the taxing unit, the notice must contain a statement in the
- 3 following form:
- 4 "NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE
- 5 "PROPOSED TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100
- 6 "NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100
- 7 "VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100
- 8 "The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the (current
- 9 tax year) tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax
- 10 revenue for (name of taxing unit) from the same properties in both
- 11 the (preceding tax year) tax year and the (current tax year) tax
- 12 year.
- "The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that
- 14 (name of taxing unit) may adopt without holding an election to seek
- 15 voter approval of the rate.
- "The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue
- 17 tax rate. This means that (name of taxing unit) is not proposing to
- 18 increase property taxes for the (current tax year) tax year.
- "A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on
- 20 (date and time) at (meeting place).
- "The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax
- 22 rate. If (name of taxing unit) adopts the proposed tax rate, (name
- 23 of taxing unit) is required to hold an election so that the voters
- 24 may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the
- 25 voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the (name of
- 26 taxing unit) will be the voter-approval tax rate. The election
- 27 will be held on (date of election). You may contact the (name of

- 1 office responsible for administering the election) for information
- 2 about voting locations. The hours of voting on election day are
- 3 (voting hours).
- 4 "Your taxes owed under any of the tax rates mentioned above
- 5 can be calculated as follows:
- 6 "Property tax amount = tax rate x taxable value of your
- 7 property / 100
- 8 "(Names of all members of the governing body, showing how
- 9 each voted on the proposal to consider the tax rate or, if one or
- 10 more were absent, indicating the absences.)
- "Visit PropertyTaxes.Texas.gov to find a link to your local
- 12 property tax database on which you can easily access information
- 13 regarding your property taxes, including information about
- 14 proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity
- 15 that taxes your property.
- "The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the
- 17 voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of
- 18 property taxes in the state."
- 19 SECTION 6. Section 26.061(b), Tax Code, is amended to read
- 20 as follows:
- 21 (b) The notice of the meeting at which the governing body of
- 22 the taxing unit will vote on the proposed tax rate must contain a
- 23 statement in the following form:
- 24 "NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE
- 25 "PROPOSED TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100
- 26 "NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100
- 27 "VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$_____ per \$100

- 1 "The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the (current
- 2 tax year) tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax
- 3 revenue for (name of taxing unit) from the same properties in both
- 4 the (preceding tax year) tax year and the (current tax year) tax
- 5 year.
- 6 "The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that
- 7 (name of taxing unit) may adopt without holding an election to seek
- 8 voter approval of the rate.
- 9 "The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue
- 10 tax rate. This means that (name of taxing unit) is not proposing to
- 11 increase property taxes for the (current tax year) tax year.
- "A public meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate will be
- 13 held on (date and time) at (meeting place).
- "The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the
- 15 voter-approval tax rate. As a result, (name of taxing unit) is not
- 16 required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the
- 17 rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to
- 18 the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the (name of
- 19 governing body) of (name of taxing unit) at their offices or by
- 20 attending the public meeting mentioned above.
- "Your taxes owed under any of the above rates can be
- 22 calculated as follows:
- "Property tax amount = tax rate x taxable value of your
- 24 property / 100
- "(Names of all members of the governing body, showing how
- 26 each voted on the proposed tax rate or, if one or more were absent,
- 27 indicating the absences.)

- 1 "Visit PropertyTaxes.Texas.gov to find a link to your local
- 2 property tax database on which you can easily access information
- 3 regarding your property taxes, including information about
- 4 proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity
- 5 that taxes your property.
- 6 "The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the
- 7 voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of
- 8 property taxes in the state."
- 9 SECTION 7. Chapter 26, Tax Code, is amended by adding
- 10 Section 26.175 to read as follows:
- 11 Sec. 26.175. PROPERTY TAX DATABASE LOCATOR WEBSITE. (a) In
- 12 this section, "property tax database" means a property tax database
- 13 required to be created and maintained by a chief appraiser under
- 14 Section 26.17.
- 15 (b) The comptroller shall develop and maintain an easily
- 16 <u>accessible Internet website that lists each property tax database</u>
- 17 and includes a method to assist a property owner to identify the
- 18 appropriate property tax database for the owner's property.
- 19 (c) The Internet website must provide a separate link to the
- 20 Internet location of each property tax database.
- 21 <u>(d) The address of the Internet website must be</u>
- 22 "PropertyTaxes.Texas.gov."
- SECTION 8. Section 49.236(a), Water Code, is amended to
- 24 read as follows:
- 25 (a) Before the board adopts an ad valorem tax rate for the
- 26 district for debt service, operation and maintenance purposes, or
- 27 contract purposes, the board shall give notice of each meeting of

- 1 the board at which the adoption of a tax rate will be considered.
- 2 The notice must:
- 3 (1) contain a statement in substantially the following
- 4 form:
- 5 "NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE
- 6 "The (name of the district) will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year (year of tax levy) on (date and 7 8 time) at (meeting place). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate 9 10 that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other 11 property. The change in the taxable value of your property in 12 relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property 13 14 determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property 15 owners.
- "Visit PropertyTaxes.Texas.gov to find a link to your local
 property tax database on which you can easily access information
 regarding your property taxes, including information about
 proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity
- 20 that taxes your property.
- "(Names of all board members and, if a vote was taken, an indication of how each voted on the proposed tax rate and an indication of any absences.)";
- 24 (2) contain the following information:
- (A) the district's total adopted tax rate for the preceding year and the proposed tax rate, expressed as an amount per \$100;

- 1 (B) the difference, expressed as an amount per
- 2 \$100 and as a percent increase or decrease, as applicable, in the
- 3 proposed tax rate compared to the adopted tax rate for the preceding
- 4 year;
- 5 (C) the average appraised value of a residence
- 6 homestead in the district in the preceding year and in the current
- 7 year; the district's total homestead exemption, other than an
- 8 exemption available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of
- 9 age or older, applicable to that appraised value in each of those
- 10 years; and the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the
- 11 district in each of those years, disregarding any homestead
- 12 exemption available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of
- 13 age or older;
- 14 (D) the amount of tax that would have been
- 15 imposed by the district in the preceding year on a residence
- 16 homestead appraised at the average appraised value of a residence
- 17 homestead in that year, disregarding any homestead exemption
- 18 available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or
- 19 older;
- (E) the amount of tax that would be imposed by the
- 21 district in the current year on a residence homestead appraised at
- 22 the average appraised value of a residence homestead in that year,
- 23 disregarding any homestead exemption available only to disabled
- 24 persons or persons 65 years of age or older, if the proposed tax
- 25 rate is adopted;
- 26 (F) the difference between the amounts of tax
- 27 calculated under Paragraphs (D) and (E), expressed in dollars and

- 1 cents and described as the annual percentage increase or decrease,
- 2 as applicable, in the tax to be imposed by the district on the
- 3 average residence homestead in the district in the current year if
- 4 the proposed tax rate is adopted; and
- 5 (G) if the proposed combined debt service,
- 6 operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate requires or
- 7 authorizes an election to approve or reduce the tax rate, as
- 8 applicable, a description of the purpose of the proposed tax
- 9 increase;
- 10 (3) contain a statement in substantially the following
- 11 form, as applicable:
- 12 (A) if the district is a district described by
- 13 Section 49.23601:
- 14 "NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE
- "If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation
- 16 and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the
- 17 taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than
- 18 eight percent, an election must be held to determine whether to
- 19 approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section
- 20 49.23601, Water Code.";
- 21 (B) if the district is a district described by
- 22 Section 49.23602:
- 23 "NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE
- "If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation
- 25 and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the
- 26 taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than
- 27 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to

- 1 approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section
- 2 49.23602, Water Code."; or
- 3 (C) if the district is a district described by
- 4 Section 49.23603:
- 5 "NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE
- 6 "If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation
- 7 and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the
- 8 taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than
- 9 eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may
- 10 require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the
- 11 operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate
- 12 under Section 49.23603, Water Code."; and
- 13 (4) include the following statement: "The 86th Texas
- 14 Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax
- 15 rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in
- 16 the state.".
- 17 SECTION 9. Not later than January 1, 2022, the comptroller
- 18 of public accounts shall develop the Internet website required by
- 19 Section 26.175, Tax Code, as added by this Act.
- 20 SECTION 10. The changes in law made by this Act apply only
- 21 to a notice required to be delivered for an ad valorem tax year that
- 22 begins on or after January 1, 2022.
- 23 SECTION 11. This Act takes effect immediately if it
- 24 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
- 25 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
- 26 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
- 27 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.