

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 2194

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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Texas Press Association

Bryan, TX

The Texas Press Association expressed concern to Rep. Perez' office regarding the original wording of a requirement for public notice of a hearing in Section 2 (d)(1). As filed, the bill would have allowed districts to avoid newspaper notice by simply posting a hearing notice on the district's website. We understand that Rep. Perez' committee substitute changes the word "or" to "and," which requires both a newspaper notice AND a prominent posting on the district's website. Government needs more public notice, not less, to foster transparency and improve public trust. Changing the "or" to "and" accomplishes that. We support the substitute version that includes this change, and we thank Rep. Perez for understanding our position.