

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, governmental entities above a certain size that maintain a website must post their meeting agendas online. As more Texans obtain quality Internet access, they increasingly seek to interact with their local governments through the Internet. H.B. 3440 seeks to give more Texans access to the agendas of their local government through the Internet.

H.B. 3440 amends current law relating to the governmental bodies required to post on the Internet agendas for meetings under the open meetings law.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 551.056(b), Government Code, as follows:

(b) Requires certain governmental bodies and economic development corporations, in addition to the other place at which notice or an agenda of a meeting is required to be posted by Subchapter C (Notice of Meetings), to also concurrently post notice of a meeting and the agenda for the meeting on the Internet website of the governmental body or economic development corporation.

SECTION 2. Repealer: Section 551.056(c) (relating to requiring certain governmental bodies and economic development corporations to also concurrently post the agenda for the meeting on the Internet website of the governmental body or economic development corporation), Government Code.

SECTION 3. Makes application of Section 551.056(b), Government Code, as amended by this Act, prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2023.