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S.B. No. 97

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the scope and publication of certain actions by the
3 governor during a state of disaster.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 418.012, Government Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 418.012. EXECUTIVE ORDERS. (a) Under this chapter,
8 the governor may issue executive orders, proclamations, and
9 regulations and amend or rescind them. Executive orders,
10 proclamations, and regulations have the force and effect of law.

11 (b) The governor shall limit an executive order,
12 proclamation, or regulation that is issued, amended, or rescinded
13 under this chapter to address only the specific conditions or
14 requirements of the disaster or imminent disaster that is the
15 subject of an executive order or proclamation under Section
16 418.014(a).

17 (c) Not later than Monday of each week during a declared
18 disaster, the governor shall publish on the governor's Internet
19 website a list of all executive orders, proclamations, and
20 regulations issued, amended, or rescinded by the governor under
21 this chapter during the previous seven-day period, in chronological
22 order.

23 SECTION 2. Section 418.057, Government Code, is amended to
24 read as follows:

1 Sec. 418.057. DISASTER WEB PORTAL. (a) The division shall
2 develop a comprehensive disaster web portal. The web portal must:

3 (1) provide disaster information to the public,
4 including information on programs and services available to
5 disaster victims and funding for and expenditures of disaster
6 assistance programs;

7 (2) include information on disaster response and
8 recovery activities; and

9 (3) provide information on obtaining assistance from
10 the Federal Emergency Management Agency, state agencies, organized
11 volunteer groups, and any other entities providing disaster
12 assistance.

13 (b) Not later than Monday of each week during a declared
14 disaster, the division shall publish on the web portal a list of all
15 executive orders, proclamations, and regulations issued, amended,
16 or rescinded by the governor under this chapter during the previous
17 seven-day period, in chronological order.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.