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H.B. No. 2520

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the open meetings law.

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

SECTION 1. Section 551.001(3), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(3) "Governmental body" means:

(A) a board, commission, department, committee, or agency within the executive or legislative branch of state government that is directed by one or more elected or appointed members;

(B) a county commissioners court in the state;

(C) a municipal governing body in the state;

(D) a deliberative body that has rulemaking or quasi-judicial power and that is classified as a department, agency, or political subdivision of a county or municipality;

(E) a school district board of trustees;

(F) a county board of school trustees;

(G) a county board of education;

(H) the governing board of a special district created by law;

(I) a local workforce development board created under Section 2308.253;

(J) a nonprofit corporation that is eligible to receive funds under the federal community services block grant

1 program and that is authorized by this state to serve a geographic
2 area of the state;

3 (K) a nonprofit corporation organized under
4 Chapter 67, Water Code, that provides a water supply or wastewater
5 service, or both, and is exempt from ad valorem taxation under
6 Section 11.30, Tax Code;

7 (L) a joint board created under Section 22.074,
8 Transportation Code; ~~and~~

9 (M) a board of directors of a reinvestment zone
10 created under Chapter 311, Tax Code; and

11 (N) a board of managers appointed under Chapter
12 39A, Education Code.

13 SECTION 2. Section 551.041, Government Code, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 Sec. 551.041. NOTICE OF MEETING REQUIRED. (a) A
16 governmental body shall give written notice of the date, hour,
17 place, and subject of each meeting held by the governmental body.

18 (b) The notice must include an agenda for the meeting that
19 is the subject of the notice that:

20 (1) is sufficiently specific to inform the public of
21 each subject to be considered in the open portion of the meeting,
22 including any matter:

23 (A) that is special or unusual; or

24 (B) in which the public may have a particular
25 interest; and

26 (2) describes any subject to be considered in the
27 closed portion of the meeting, if applicable.

SECTION 3. Section 551.074, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 551.074. PERSONNEL MATTERS; CLOSED MEETING. (a) This chapter does not require a governmental body to conduct an open meeting:

(1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a specific public officer or employee; or

(2) to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

(b) Subsection (a) does not apply if:

(1) the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing; or

(2) the governmental body's deliberations under Subsection (a)(1) concern operational issues that generally impact a class or group of employees, including changes in the duties or compensation of a class or group of employees.

SECTION 4. Section 551.083, Government Code, is repealed.

SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a meeting of a governmental body held on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.