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   relating to public meetings of joint airport boards.
          BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
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          SECTION 1. Section 551.001(3), Government Code, is amended
   to read as follows:
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                    "Governmental body" means:
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                          a board, commission, department, committee,
   or agency within the executive or legislative branch of state
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   government that is directed by one or more elected or appointed
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   members;
                          a county commissioners court in the state;
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                          a municipal governing body in the state;
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                          a deliberative body that has rulemaking or
   quasi-judicial power and that is classified as a department,
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    agency, or political subdivision of a county or municipality;
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                     (E)
                          a school district board of trustees;
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                          a county board of school trustees;
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                          a county board of education;
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                          the governing board of a special district
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    created by law;
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                     (I)
                          a local workforce development board created
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   under Section 2308.253;
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                          a nonprofit corporation that is eligible to
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   receive funds under the federal community services block grant
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- 1 program and that is authorized by this state to serve a geographic
- 2 area of the state; [and]
- 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; and
- 7 (L) a joint board created under Section 22.074,
- 8 Transportation Code.
- 9 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 551, Government Code, is
- 10 amended by adding Section 551.0501 to read as follows:
- 11 Sec. 551.0501. JOINT BOARD: PLACE OF POSTING NOTICE.
- 12 (a) In this section, "electronic bulletin board" means an
- 13 <u>electronic communication system that includes a perpetually</u>
- 14 illuminated screen on which the governmental body can post messages
- 15 or notices viewable without manipulation by the public.
- 16 (b) A joint board created under Section 22.074,
- 17 Transportation Code, shall post notice of each meeting on a
- 18 physical or electronic bulletin board at a place convenient to the
- 19 public in the board's administrative offices.
- SECTION 3. The heading to Section 551.056, Government Code,
- 21 is amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 551.056. ADDITIONAL POSTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN
- 23 MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, JUNIOR COLLEGE
- 24 DISTRICTS, [AND] DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS, AUTHORITIES, AND JOINT
- 25 BOARDS.
- SECTION 4. Section 551.056(b), Government Code, is amended
- 27 to read as follows:

- 1 (b) In addition to the other place at which notice is
- 2 required to be posted by this subchapter, the following
- 3 governmental bodies and economic development corporations must
- 4 also concurrently post notice of a meeting on the Internet website
- 5 of the governmental body or economic development corporation:
- 6 (1) a municipality;
- 7 (2) a county;
- 8 (3) a school district;
- 9 (4) the governing body of a junior college or junior
- 10 college district, including a college or district that has changed
- 11 its name in accordance with Chapter 130, Education Code;
- 12 (5) a development corporation organized under the
- 13 Development Corporation Act (Subtitle C1, Title 12, Local
- 14 Government Code); [and]
- 15 (6) a regional mobility authority included within the
- 16 meaning of an "authority" as defined by Section 370.003,
- 17 Transportation Code; and
- 18 <u>(7)</u> a joint board created under Section 22.074,
- 19 Transportation Code.
- 20 SECTION 5. The change in law made by this Act applies only
- 21 to notice that is required to be posted on or after the effective
- 22 date of this Act. Notice that is required to be posted prior to the
- 23 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at that
- 24 time, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.
- 25 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

## President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 679 passed the Senate on April 9, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 679 passed the House on May 13, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays O, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor