

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 79
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 14, 2016; January 24, 2017,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;
1-4 March 15, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; March 15, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Hancock	X		
1-9	Creighton	X		
1-10	Campbell	X		
1-11	Estes	X		
1-12	Nichols	X		
1-13	Schwertner	X		
1-14	Taylor of Galveston	X		
1-15	Whitmire	X		
1-16	Zaffirini	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the production of public information available on a
1-20 publicly accessible website.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Sections 552.221(b-1) and (b-2), Government
1-23 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-24 (b-1) In addition to the methods of production described by
1-25 Subsection (b), an officer for public information for a
1-26 governmental body ~~[political subdivision of this state]~~ complies
1-27 with Subsection (a) by referring a requestor to an exact Internet
1-28 location or uniform resource locator (URL) address on a website
1-29 maintained by the governmental body ~~[political subdivision]~~ and
1-30 accessible to the public if the requested information is
1-31 identifiable and readily available on that website. If the person
1-32 requesting the information prefers a manner other than access
1-33 through the URL, the governmental body ~~[political subdivision]~~ must
1-34 supply the information in the manner required by Subsection (b).

1-35 (b-2) If an officer for public information for a
1-36 governmental body ~~[political subdivision]~~ provides by e-mail an
1-37 Internet location or uniform resource locator (URL) address as
1-38 permitted by Subsection (b-1), the e-mail must contain a statement
1-39 in a conspicuous font clearly indicating that the requestor may
1-40 nonetheless access the requested information by inspection or
1-41 duplication or by receipt through United States mail, as provided
1-42 by Subsection (b).

1-43 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
1-44 a request for information that is received by a governmental body or
1-45 an officer for public information on or after the effective date of
1-46 this Act. A request for information that was received before the
1-47 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
1-48 date the request was received, and the former law is continued in
1-49 effect for that purpose.

1-50 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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