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S.B. No. 79

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the production of public information available on a publicly accessible website.

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

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

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

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

1 by Subsection (b).

2           SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
3 a request for information that is received by a governmental body or  
4 an officer for public information on or after the effective date of  
5 this Act. A request for information that was received before the  
6 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the  
7 date the request was received, and the former law is continued in  
8 effect for that purpose.

9           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.