

Briefing Memo: H.B. 1522 (Texas Legislature, 2025)

Purpose

H.B. 1522 amends Section 551.043 of the Texas Government Code, strengthening notice requirements for governmental meetings held under the Open Meetings Act.

Key Provisions

1. **Posting Period Change:** Notices must be posted at least three business days before the scheduled meeting, replacing the previous 72-hour requirement.
2. **Budget Meeting Requirements:** For meetings where budgets are discussed or adopted, the notice must include a physical copy of the proposed budget (unless available on the governmental body's website) and a taxpayer impact statement. The statement must compare the property tax bill for a median-valued homestead for the current year with the estimated tax bill for the upcoming year under (a) the proposed budget and (b) a no-new-revenue tax rate balanced budget (except for ISDs).
3. **Exemptions:** These budget-related requirements do not apply to governing boards of general academic teaching institutions or university systems subject to Section 551.1281.
4. **Effective Date:** The law takes effect September 1, 2025.

Legislative History

- Passed House: April 9, 2025 (147–0, 1 present not voting)
- Passed Senate with amendments: May 25, 2025 (31–0)
- House concurred with Senate amendments: May 28, 2025 (132–2, 1 present not voting)
- Awaiting Governor's approval.

Summary

H.B. 1522 enhances transparency in public budgeting by requiring longer public notice, accessibility of proposed budgets, and clear disclosure of taxpayer impacts.