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Chapter 1127

S.B. No. 27

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the online broadcast of open meetings of institutions  
3 of higher education.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 551.121(f), Government Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (f) Each part of the telephone conference call meeting that  
8 is required to be open to the public must [~~shall~~] be:

9 (1) audible to the public at the location specified in  
10 the notice of the meeting as the location of the meeting;

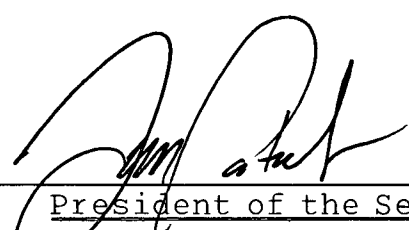
11 (2) broadcast over the Internet in the manner  
12 prescribed by Section 551.128; and

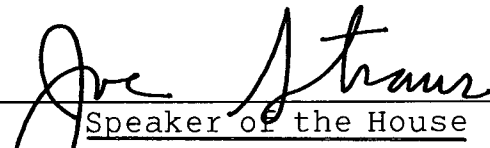
13 (3) [~~shall be~~] recorded and [~~The recording shall be~~]  
14 made available to the public in an online archive located on the  
15 Internet website of the entity holding the meeting.

16 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
17 a meeting for which notice is posted under Section 551.043,  
18 Government Code, on or after the effective date of this Act.  
19 Meetings for which notice is posted before the effective date of  
20 this Act are governed by the law in effect at that time.

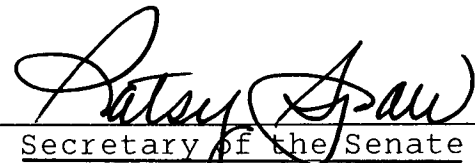
21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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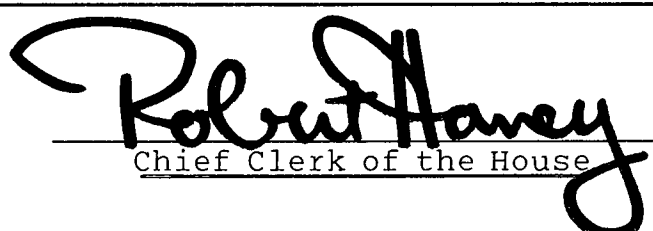
  
President of the Senate

  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 27 passed the Senate on April 16, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. \_\_\_\_\_

  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 27 passed the House on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 4, two present not voting. \_\_\_\_\_


  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

6-13-2015  
Date

  
Governor

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Secretary of State

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**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 5, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Gary Elkins, Chair, House Committee on Government Transparency & Operation

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** SB27 by Zaffirini (Relating to the online broadcast of open meetings of institutions of higher education.), **As Engrossed**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill relates to the online broadcast of open meetings of institutions of higher education. This analysis assumes that any costs for institutions of higher education to implement the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within current resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 31, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Kel Seliger, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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