

**SUBJECT:** Requiring ISDs to post trustee contact information on their website

**COMMITTEE:** State Affairs — committee substitute recommended

**VOTE:** 8 ayes — Phelan, Hernandez, Holland, Hunter, P. King, Parker, E. Rodriguez, Springer

0 nays

5 absent — Deshotel, Guerra, Harless, Raymond, Smithee

**SENATE VOTE:** On final passage, April 17 — 31-0, on Local and Uncontested Calendar

**WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Donnis Baggett, Texas Press Association)

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Dustin Meador, Texas Association of Community Colleges; Eric Marin, Texas Education Agency)

**BACKGROUND:** Interested parties have noted that successful schools and colleges rely on public participation and community engagement and have boards of trustees or governing boards that are accessible and responsive to their respective communities. It has been suggested that the public should have easy access to contact information for school district and junior college board members.

**DIGEST:** CSSB 2206 would require school districts and junior college districts that maintained a website to post the name, e-mail address, and term of office, including the date the term began and expires, of each member of its board of trustees. School districts that did not maintain a website would submit the required information for posting on the Texas Education Agency (TEA) website.

Each time there was a change in the membership of a school district or

junior college district board of trustees, the district would have to update the information on its website.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.