The general forms in which the media containing public information exist include a book, paper, letter, document, e-mail, Internet posting, text message, instant message, other electronic communication, printout, photograph, film, tape, microfiche, microfilm, photostat, sound recording, map, and drawing and a voice, data, or video representation held in computer memory.

SECTION 2. Section 552.003, Government Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (2-a) to read as follows:

(2-a) “Official business” means any matter over which a governmental body has any authority, administrative duties, or advisory duties.

SECTION 3. Subchapter Z, Chapter 2252, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2252.907 to read as follows:

Sec. 2252.907. CONTRACTS INVOLVING EXCHANGE OR CREATION OF PUBLIC INFORMATION. (a) A contract between a state governmental entity and a nongovernmental vendor involving the exchange or creation of public information as defined by Section 552.002 that the state governmental entity collects, assembles, or maintains or has a right of access to must:

(1) be drafted in consideration of the requirements of Chapter 552; and

(2) contain a provision that requires the vendor to make the information not otherwise excepted from disclosure under Chapter 552 available in a specific format that is:

(A) agreed upon in the contract; and

(B) accessible by the public.

(b) This section may not be waived by contract or otherwise.

(c) A request for public information regarding a contract described by this section must be submitted to the officer or employee responsible for responding to open records requests for the state governmental entity that executed the contract.

(d) In this section, “state governmental entity” means a state agency, board, commission, office, department, or other agency in the executive or legislative branch of state government.

SECTION 4. Section 2252.907, Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a contract for which a state governmental entity first advertises or otherwise solicits bids, proposals, offers, or qualifications on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract for which a state governmental entity advertised or otherwise solicited bids, proposals, offers, or qualifications before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on April 25, 2013: Yeas 24, Nays 4; the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 24, 2013: Yeas 27, Nays 4; passed the House, with amendments, on May 22, 2013: Yeas 93, Nays 56, one present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 1205

S.B. No. 1373
AN ACT
relating to display of the Honor and Remember flag.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 2165, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2165.0065 to read as follows:
Sec. 2165.0065. DISPLAY OF HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG. (a) In this section, “Honor and Remember flag” means the Honor and Remember, Inc., flag.

(b) The Honor and Remember flag may be displayed at each state office building, at the State Cemetery under Section 2165.256, and at each veterans cemetery managed by the Veterans’ Land Board on:

1. the third Saturday in May, “Armed Forces Day”;
2. the last Monday in May, “Memorial Day”;
3. the last Sunday in September, “Gold Star Mother’s Day”;
4. the 11th day of November, “Veterans Day”; and
5. any date on which a resident of this state is killed while serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States.

SECTION 2. The Honor and Remember flag is designated as the symbol of our state’s concern and commitment to honoring and remembering the lives of all members of the United States armed forces who have lost their lives while serving or as a result of service and their families.

SECTION 3. The Honor and Remember flag’s red field represents the blood shed by brave men and women who sacrificed their lives for freedom, and the flag’s white border recognizes the purity of that sacrifice. The flag’s blue star is a symbol of active service in military conflict that dates back to World War I. The flag’s gold star signifies the ultimate sacrifice of a warrior in active service who is not returning home and reflects the value of the life given. The folded flag element highlights this nation’s final tribute to a fallen service member and a family’s sacrifice. The flag’s flame symbolizes the eternal spirit of the departed.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on April 11, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; May 24, 2013, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 25, 2013, House granted request of the Senate; May 26, 2013, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendments, on May 22, 2013: Yeas 145, Nays 3, two present not voting; May 25, 2013, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 26, 2013, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 2, two present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 1206
S.B. No. 1376
AN ACT
relating to specialty license plates issued to retired members of the United States armed forces.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 504.303, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

(b) The department shall include the word “Retired” for license plates issued to retired members of the United States armed forces who have completed 20 or more years of satisfactory federal service.

(c) A letter from any branch of the military under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Defense or the United States Department of Homeland Security stating that a