Sec. 1369.256. FAILURE TO USE OR ACKNOWLEDGE STANDARD FORM. If a health benefit plan issuer or the agent of the health benefit plan issuer that manages or administers prescription drug benefits fails to use or accept the form prescribed under this subchapter or fails to acknowledge the receipt of a completed form submitted by a prescribing provider, as required by commissioner rule, the health benefit plan issuer or the agent of the health benefit plan issuer is subject to the penalties established by the commissioner.

SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2015, the commissioner of insurance by rule shall prescribe a standard form under Section 1369.254, Insurance Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a request for prior authorization of prescription drug benefits made on or after September 1, 2015. A request for prior authorization of prescription drug benefits made before September 1, 2015, under a health benefit plan delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before that date 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 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on May 2, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 24, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendments, on May 21, 2013: Yeas 132, Nays 15, two present not voting.

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CHAPTER 1329

S.B. No. 656

AN ACT
relating to providing transparency in the budget adoption process of municipalities and counties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 102.007, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(a) At the conclusion of the public hearing, the governing body of the municipality shall take action on the proposed budget. A vote to adopt the budget must be a record vote.

(d) An adopted budget must contain a cover page that includes:

(1) one of the following statements in 18-point or larger type that accurately describes the adopted budget:

(A) “This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of (insert total dollar amount of increase), which is a (insert percentage increase) percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the value of new property added to the roll).”; or

(B) “This budget will raise less revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of (insert total dollar amount of decrease), which is a (insert percentage decrease) percent decrease from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the value of new property added to the roll).”; or

(C) “This budget will raise the same amount of revenue from property taxes as last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the value of new property added to the roll).”; or

(2) the record vote of each member of the governing body by name voting on the adoption of the budget;
(3) the municipal property tax rates for the preceding fiscal year, and each municipal property tax rate that has been adopted or calculated for the current fiscal year, including:

(A) the property tax rate;
(B) the effective tax rate;
(C) the effective maintenance and operations tax rate;
(D) the rollback tax rate; and
(E) the debt rate; and

(4) the total amount of municipal debt obligations.

(e) In this section, “debt obligation” means an issued public security as defined by Section 1201.002, Government Code, secured by property taxes.

SECTION 2. Section 102.008, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 102.008. APPROVED BUDGET FILED WITH MUNICIPAL CLERK; POSTING ON INTERNET. (a) On final approval of the budget by the governing body of the municipality, the governing body shall:

1. file the budget with the municipal clerk; and
2. if the municipality maintains an Internet website, take action to ensure that:
   A. a copy of the budget, including the cover page, is posted on the website; and
   B. the record vote described by Section 102.007(d)(2) is posted on the website at least until the first anniversary of the date the budget is adopted.

(b) The governing body shall take action to ensure that the cover page of the budget is amended to include the property tax rates required by Section 102.007(d)(3) for the current fiscal year if the rates are not included on the cover page when the budget is filed with the municipal clerk. The governing body shall file an amended cover page with the municipal clerk and take action to ensure that the amended cover page is posted on the municipality’s website.

SECTION 3. Section 111.008, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(a) At the conclusion of the public hearing, the commissioners court shall take action on the proposed budget. A vote to adopt the budget must be a record vote.

(d) An adopted budget must contain a cover page that includes:

1. one of the following statements in 18-point or larger type that accurately describes the adopted budget:
   A. “This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by an amount of (insert total dollar amount of increase), which is a (insert percentage increase) percent increase from last year’s budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the value of new property added to the roll).”,
   B. “This budget will raise less revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by an amount of (insert total dollar amount of decrease), which is a (insert percentage decrease) percent decrease from last year’s budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the value of new property added to the roll).”,
   C. “This budget will raise the same amount of revenue from property taxes as last year’s budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the value of new property added to the roll).”,

2. the record vote of each member of the commissioners court by name voting on the adoption of the budget;
3. the county property tax rates for the preceding fiscal year, and each county property tax rate that has been adopted or calculated for the current fiscal year, including:
   A. the property tax rate;
(B) the effective tax rate;
(C) the effective maintenance and operations tax rate;
(D) the rollback tax rate; and
(E) the debt rate; and

(4) the total amount of county debt obligations.

(e) In this section, “debt obligation” means an issued public security as defined by Section 1201.002, Government Code, secured by property taxes.

SECTION 4. Section 111.009, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 111.009. APPROVED BUDGET FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK: POSTING ON INTERNET. (a) On final approval of the budget by the commissioners court, the court shall:

(1) file the budget with the county clerk; and
(2) if the county maintains an Internet website, take action to ensure that:
   (A) a copy of the budget, including the cover page, is posted on the website; and
   (B) the record vote described by Section 111.008(d)(2) is posted on the website at least until the first anniversary of the date the budget is adopted.

(b) The commissioners court shall take action to ensure that the cover page of the budget is amended to include the property tax rates required by Section 111.008(d)(3) for the current fiscal year if the rates are not included on the cover page when the budget is filed with the county clerk. The commissioners court shall file an amended cover page with the county clerk and take action to ensure that the amended cover page is posted on the county’s website.

SECTION 5. Section 111.039, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(a) At the conclusion of the public hearing, the commissioners court shall take action on the proposed budget. A vote to adopt the budget must be a record vote.

(d) An adopted budget must contain a cover page that includes:

(1) one of the following statements in 18-point or larger type that accurately describes the adopted budget:
   (A) “This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by an amount of (insert total dollar amount of increase), which is a (insert percentage increase) percent increase from last year’s budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the value of new property added to the roll).”;
   (B) “This budget will raise less revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by an amount of (insert total dollar amount of decrease), which is a (insert percentage decrease) percent decrease from last year’s budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the value of new property added to the roll).”;
   (C) “This budget will raise the same amount of revenue from property taxes as last year’s budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the value of new property added to the roll).”;
(2) the record vote of each member of the commissioners court by name voting on the adoption of the budget;
(3) the county property tax rates for the preceding fiscal year, and each county property tax rate that has been adopted or calculated for the current fiscal year, including:
   (A) the property tax rate;
   (B) the effective tax rate;
   (C) the effective maintenance and operations tax rate;
   (D) the rollback tax rate; and
(E) the debt rate; and
(4) the total amount of county debt obligations.

e) In this section, “debt obligation” means an issued public security as defined by Section 1201.002, Government Code, secured by property taxes.

SECTION 6. Section 111.040, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 111.040. APPROVED BUDGET FILED WITH OFFICERS: POSTING ON INTERNET. (a) On final approval of the budget by the commissioners court, the court shall:

(1) file a copy of the budget with the county auditor and the county clerk; and
(2) if the county maintains an Internet website, take action to ensure that:
   (A) a copy of the budget, including the cover page, is posted on the website; and
   (B) the record vote described by Section 111.039(d)(2) is posted on the website at least until the first anniversary of the date the budget is adopted.

(b) The commissioners court shall take action to ensure that the cover page of the budget is amended to include the property tax rates required by Section 111.039(d)(3) for the current fiscal year if the rates are not included on the cover page when the budget is filed with the county clerk. The commissioners court shall file an amended cover page with the county clerk and take action to ensure that the amended cover page is posted on the county’s website.

SECTION 7. Section 111.068, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

(a) At the conclusion of the public hearing, the commissioners court shall take action on the proposed budget. A vote to adopt the budget must be a record vote.

(c) An adopted budget must contain a cover page that includes:

(1) one of the following statements in 18-point or larger type that accurately describes the adopted budget:
   (A) “This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of (insert total dollar amount of increase), which is a (insert percentage increase) percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the value of new property added to the roll).”;
   (B) “This budget will raise less revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of (insert total dollar amount of decrease), which is a (insert percentage decrease) percent decrease from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the value of new property added to the roll).”;
   (C) “This budget will raise the same amount of revenue from property taxes as last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is (insert amount computed by multiplying the proposed tax rate by the value of new property added to the roll).”;

(2) the record vote of each member of the commissioners court by name voting on the adoption of the budget;
(3) the county property tax rates for the preceding fiscal year, and each county property tax rate that has been adopted or calculated for the current fiscal year, including:
   (A) the property tax rate;
   (B) the effective tax rate;
   (C) the effective maintenance and operations tax rate;
   (D) the rollback tax rate; and
   (E) the debt rate; and

(d) In this section, “debt obligation” means an issued public security as defined by Section 1201.002, Government Code, secured by property taxes.
SECTION 8. Section 111.069, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 111.069. APPROVED BUDGET FILED WITH OFFICERS; POSTING ON INTERNET. (a) On final approval of the budget by the commissioners court, the court shall:

(1) file a copy of the budget with the county auditor and the county clerk; and
(2) if the county maintains an Internet website, take action to ensure that:

(A) a copy of the budget, including the cover page, is posted on the website; and
(B) the record vote described by Section 111.068(c)(2) is posted on the website at least until the first anniversary of the date the budget is adopted.

(b) The commissioners court shall take action to ensure that the cover page of the budget is amended to include the property tax rates required by Section 111.068(c)(3) for the current fiscal year if the rates are not included on the cover page when the budget is filed with the county clerk. The commissioners court shall file an amended cover page with the county clerk and take action to ensure that the amended cover page is posted on the county's website.

SECTION 9. This Act applies only to a budget adopted for a fiscal year beginning on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 10. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on April 11, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 24, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 21, 2013: Yeas 145, Nays 2, three present not voting.

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CHAPTER 1330

S.B. No. 660

AN ACT relating to the collection, receipt, and use of assessments and other types of revenue for certain public improvement projects in certain municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 372.0035, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) A municipality that undertakes a project under this section may:

(1) adopt procedures for the collection of assessments under this chapter that are consistent with the municipality's procedures for the collection of a hotel occupancy tax under Chapter 351, Tax Code; and
(2) pursue remedies for the failure to pay an assessment under this chapter that are available to the municipality for failure to pay a hotel occupancy tax under Chapter 351, Tax Code.

SECTION 2. Section 351.106, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A municipality to which this section applies:

(1) is entitled to receive in the same manner all funds and revenue that a municipality to which Section 351.1015 applies may receive under that section; and
(2) may pledge the funds and revenue for the payment of obligations incurred for the construction of qualified projects authorized under that section.

SECTION 3. 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