

**SUBJECT:** Requiring submission of contact information by certain local officials

**COMMITTEE:** Homeland Security and Public Safety — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 9 ayes — White, Bowers, Goodwin, Harless, Hefner, E. Morales, Patterson, Schaefer, Tinderholt  
0 nays

**WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Tammy Narvaez, Harris County Commissioners Court)  
Against — None

**BACKGROUND:** Communication between public officials proved critical during recent statewide emergencies such as the COVID-19 pandemic and Winter Storm Uri. Some have suggested that communications could be facilitated during future disasters by requiring public officials and local health departments to submit contact information to the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

**DIGEST:** HB 3266 would require each city manager, mayor, county judge, and director of a municipality's or county's local health department to submit to the Texas Division of Emergency Management the person's contact information to be used during a declared state of disaster or in other times of public emergency under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975.

The bill would require each city manager, mayor, and county judge to submit to the local health department of the municipality or county, as applicable, in which the person serves as the city manager, mayor, or county judge, the person's contact information to be used during a declared state of disaster or in other times of public emergency.

Each applicable person would have to submit the requisite information not later than January 1, 2022, and the information would be confidential and exempt from disclosure under state public information law.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.