

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, Section 55.203, Utilities Code, requires private, for-profit publishers of residential telephone directories to include in their directory a listing of state agencies. However, many state agencies currently maintain Internet websites which contain operation and program information for the public. A greater volume of access by users to an agency's website could significantly lessen the large volume of users currently received and processed by agency staff. S.B. 852 would require a private and for-profit publisher of residential telephone directories to include in their directory a listing of state agencies' Internet addresses.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 852 requires certain telephone directory publishers to publish state agencies' Internet addresses.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 55.203, Utilities Code, to define "Internet." Requires a private for-profit publisher of a local residential telephone directory to publish listings of Internet addresses of Internet sites maintained by a state agency. Requires rules of the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to include a publisher to list Internet addresses. Requires the General Services Commission to cooperate with PUC regarding publishing Internet addresses. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 441.053, Government Code, to require the Records Management Interagency Coordinating Council to categorize state agency telephone numbers and Internet addresses of Internet sites maintained by state agencies. Defines "Internet." Deletes definition of "member agency."

SECTION 3. Gives effect to changes in Section 55.203, Government Code, in accordance with Section 311.031(c), Government Code. Provides that this Act prevails over another Act of the 76th Legislature in the event of a conflict.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 5. Emergency clause.