

HB 1266 -- TRANSPARENCY ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ACT

SPONSOR: Bangert

This bill creates the Transparency on Boards and Commissions Act. The bill requires the Office of the Governor to maintain and regularly update a list of the name, city or county of residence, and expiration date for his or her term for each member of a state board, commission, committee, other organization, and council with a Governor-appointed member. Beginning May 31, 2021, specified information regarding any vacancies and current appointees must be displayed on the Governor's website.

The list and the required information must be a public record under the Sunshine Law; however, the Office of the Governor or the Office of Administration must be exempt from any fines or monetary damages under the provisions of that bill. Any required production of the list or disputes about its redaction must be enforced only by injunctive relief.

The Office of the Governor may delegate responsibility for the maintenance of the list and website to the Office of Administration.

These provisions cannot prohibit an individual from completing his or her term of office as a member of a state board, commission, committee, council, or other organization or create any private right of action except for the authorized injunctive relief.

This bill is the same as HB 53 (2019).