

HB 1506 -- TRANSPARENCY ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ACT

SPONSOR: Bangert

This bill establishes the "Transparency on Boards and Commissions Act".

The bill requires the Office of the Governor to maintain and regularly update a list of each state board, commission, committee, council, or any other organization that contains members appointed by the governor. The list must include the name, city or county of residence, and term expiration date for each appointee. Beginning September 1, 2024, 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 will 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 do not 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 236 (2023) and HB 2286 (2022).