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- 2 relating to the notice of rulemaking proceedings provided to 3 certain persons by state agencies.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 2001.0261, Government Code, is amended
- 6 by amending Subsections (c) and (d) and adding Subsection (e) to
- 7 read as follows:

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- 8 (c) \underline{A} [The] state agency shall provide the notice required
- 9 under Subsection (b) electronically to the recipient's [person's]
- 10 designated Capitol e-mail address or to another e-mail address
- 11 provided by the recipient [person] to the agency for the purpose of
- 12 receiving the notice. The notice must:
- (1) be specifically addressed and directed to the
- 14 recipient;
- 15 (2) include the bill number for the legislation that
- 16 enacted the statutory authority under which the proposed rule that
- 17 is the subject of the notice is to be adopted; and
- 18 (3) if practicable, provide a link to the proposed
- 19 rule that is the subject of the notice or include a copy of the
- 20 proposed rule as an attachment to the notice.
- 21 (d) A state agency may not provide the notice required under
- 22 Subsection (b) to a recipient by:
- 23 (1) including the recipient on an e-mail list service
- 24 the agency uses to provide periodic announcements of the agency's

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- 1 proposed rules to members of the public or the legislature
- 2 generally; or
- 3 (2) providing the notice in an e-mail sent by the
- 4 agency in its regular course of business to multiple recipients.
- 5 <u>(e)</u> Failure to provide the notice required under Subsection
- 6 (b) does not invalidate a rule adopted by a state agency or an
- 7 action taken by the agency under that rule.
- 8 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
- 9 to a notice under Section 2001.0261, Government Code, provided on
- 10 or after the effective date of this Act.
- 11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.