

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3602
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Elections
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Current law requires the county clerk of each Texas county to mail two copies of a financial statement form to certain county officers, candidates for county office, justices of the peace, and candidates for the office of justice of the peace who are required to file a financial statement with the Texas Ethics Commission. Allowing these documents to be sent by electronic mail is in line with the goals of county governments to use less paper and to use office technology efficiently.

H.B. 3602 provides a county clerk the option, at the request of the person required to file such a financial statement, to use electronic mail to provide the financial statement form to the county officer, candidates for county office, justices of the peace, or candidates for the office of justice of the peace instead of mailing a physical document.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 3602 amends the Local Government Code to provide a county clerk the option, at the request of the person required to file a financial statement, to use electronic mail to provide a financial statement form to the county officer, candidates for county office, justices of the peace, or candidates for the office of justice of the peace.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the act does not receive the necessary vote, the act takes effect September 1, 2009.