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H.B. No. 576

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the electronic distribution of information to
3 legislators by state agencies.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Sections 2052.002(a) and (c), Government Code,
6 are amended to read as follows:

7 (a) To avoid waste in the duplication and distribution of
8 state agency publications, a state agency that issues a publication
9 relating to the work of the agency and distributes the publication
10 to members of the legislature shall send to each member before
11 distributing the publication an electronic [~~a written~~] notice to
12 determine whether the member wants to receive the publication.

13 (c) A member who elects to receive the publication shall
14 notify the state agency electronically.

15 SECTION 2. Section 2052.0021(d), Government Code, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (d) At the time a report required by law is ready for
18 distribution outside the state agency, the agency shall send
19 written notice to each member of the legislature that the report is
20 available. The agency shall send the notice [~~by mail or, if it is~~
21 ~~acceptable to the member,~~] electronically. The notice must briefly
22 describe the subject matter of the report and state:

23 (1) the manner in which the member may obtain the
24 report electronically; and

1 (2) that the agency will send a printed copy of the
2 report to the member at the request of the member.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.