

1-1 By: Creighton (Senate Sponsor - Eltife) H.B. No. 762
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 30, 2009;
1-3 April 7, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Business and Commerce; May 4, 2009, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 4, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to filing a wage claim.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Sections 61.051(b) and (d), Labor Code, are
1-11 amended to read as follows:

1-12 (b) A wage claim must be filed in a manner and ~~[in writing]~~
1-13 on a form prescribed by the commission and must be verified by the
1-14 employee.

1-15 (d) The employee may file the wage claim:

1-16 (1) in person at an office of the commission; ~~[or]~~

1-17 (2) by mailing the claim to an address designated by
1-18 the commission;

1-19 (3) by faxing the claim to a fax number designated by
1-20 the commission; or

1-21 (4) by any other means adopted by the commission by
1-22 rule.

1-23 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-24 to a wage claim that is filed with the Texas Workforce Commission on
1-25 or after the effective date of this Act. A wage claim filed before
1-26 that date is governed by the law in effect on the date that the claim
1-27 was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that
1-28 purpose.

1-29 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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