

1-1 By: Estes S.B. No. 474
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 13, 2009; February 17, 2009,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Finance;
1-4 April 29, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; April 29, 2009,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 474 By: Averitt

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the comptroller of public accounts' use of electronic
1-11 paycards to make certain payments.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 403.016, Government Code, is amended by
1-14 adding Subsection (k) to read as follows:

1-15 (k) Notwithstanding another provision of this section, the
1-16 comptroller may make a payment in any amount to a state employee
1-17 under Subsection (b) or to an annuitant under Subsection (c)(1) or
1-18 other law on an electronic paycard if the employee or annuitant
1-19 agrees to accept payment by that method.

1-20 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 403, Government Code, is
1-21 amended by adding Section 403.0161 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 403.0161. CONTRACTS FOR ELECTRONIC PAYCARD SERVICES.

1-23 The comptroller shall contract with one or more vendors for the
1-24 provision of electronic paycard services. A contract under this
1-25 section must be by competitive bid. The comptroller shall specify
1-26 the qualifications for bidders, which must include requirements
1-27 that the entity that issues the paycard must:

1-28 (1) be federally insured or possess sufficient
1-29 financial resources to ensure protection of payees; and

1-30 (2) demonstrate adequate 24-hour customer service to
1-31 ensure that all payees are able to reasonably access their funds
1-32 worldwide at any time.

1-33 SECTION 3. Section 659.084, Government Code, is amended to
1-34 read as follows:

1-35 Sec. 659.084. ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER. Salaries for
1-36 state officers and employees paid once a month shall be paid through
1-37 electronic funds transfer under Section 403.016 unless paid on an
1-38 electronic paycard or warrant as permitted under that section.

1-39 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2010.

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