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H.B. No. 610

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to certain notices sent by the Texas Commission on  
3 Environmental Quality.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 5.128, Water Code, is amended by  
6 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1), (a-2), and  
7 (a-3) to read as follows:

8 (a) The commission shall encourage the use of electronic  
9 reporting through the Internet, to the extent practicable, for  
10 reports required by the commission. Notwithstanding any other law,  
11 the commission may~~+~~

12 [~~(1)~~] adjust fees as necessary to encourage electronic  
13 reporting and the use of the commission's electronic document  
14 receiving system. An electronic report must be submitted in a  
15 format prescribed by the commission. The commission may consult  
16 with the Department of Information Resources on developing a simple  
17 format for use in implementing this subsection.

18 (a-1) Notwithstanding any other law, the commission may~~+~~  
19 ~~and~~

20 [~~(2)~~] utilize electronic means of transmission of  
21 information, including notices, orders, and decisions issued or  
22 sent by the commission.

23 (a-2) The commission shall utilize electronic means of  
24 transmission for any notice issued or sent by the commission to a

1 state senator or representative, unless the senator or  
2 representative has requested to receive notice by mail.

3 (a-3) If the notice issued or sent under Subsection (a-2)  
4 concerns a permit for a facility, the notice must include an  
5 Internet link to an electronic map indicating the location of the  
6 facility.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.