

1-1 By: Zerwas, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Seliger) H.B. No. 610
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 7, 2011;
1-3 April 14, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Administration; May 4, 2011, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 4, 2011, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to certain notices sent by the Texas Commission on
1-9 Environmental Quality.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 5.128, Water Code, is amended by
1-12 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1), (a-2), and
1-13 (a-3) to read as follows:

1-14 (a) The commission shall encourage the use of electronic
1-15 reporting through the Internet, to the extent practicable, for
1-16 reports required by the commission. Notwithstanding any other law,
1-17 the commission may[+]

1-18 [~~(1)~~] adjust fees as necessary to encourage electronic
1-19 reporting and the use of the commission's electronic document
1-20 receiving system. An electronic report must be submitted in a
1-21 format prescribed by the commission. The commission may consult
1-22 with the Department of Information Resources on developing a simple
1-23 format for use in implementing this subsection.

1-24 (a-1) Notwithstanding any other law, the commission may[+]
1-25 and

1-26 [~~(2)~~] utilize electronic means of transmission of
1-27 information, including notices, orders, and decisions issued or
1-28 sent by the commission.

1-29 (a-2) The commission shall utilize electronic means of
1-30 transmission for any notice issued or sent by the commission to a
1-31 state senator or representative, unless the senator or
1-32 representative has requested to receive notice by mail.

1-33 (a-3) If the notice issued or sent under Subsection (a-2)
1-34 concerns a permit for a facility, the notice must include an
1-35 Internet link to an electronic map indicating the location of the
1-36 facility.

1-37 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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