

1-1 By: Sheffield (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 726
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 13, 2011;
1-3 April 20, 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 the electronic distribution of information to
1-9 legislators by state agencies.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Sections 2052.002(a) and (c), Government Code,
1-12 are amended to read as follows:

1-13 (a) To avoid waste in the duplication and distribution of
1-14 state agency publications, a state agency that issues a publication
1-15 relating to the work of the agency and distributes the publication
1-16 to members of the legislature shall send to each member before
1-17 distributing the publication an electronic [~~a written~~] notice to
1-18 determine whether the member wants to receive the publication.

1-19 (c) A member who elects to receive the publication shall
1-20 notify the state agency. The member may notify the agency
1-21 electronically.

1-22 SECTION 2. Section 2052.0021(d), Government Code, is
1-23 amended to read as follows:

1-24 (d) At the time a report required by law is ready for
1-25 distribution outside the state agency, the agency shall send
1-26 written notice to each member of the legislature that the report is
1-27 available. The agency shall send the notice [~~by mail or, if it is~~
1-28 ~~acceptable to the member,~~] electronically. The notice must briefly
1-29 describe the subject matter of the report and state:

1-30 (1) the manner in which the member may obtain the
1-31 report electronically; and

1-32 (2) that the agency will send a printed copy of the
1-33 report to the member at the request of the member.

1-34 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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