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H.B. No. 3660

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to requiring the secretary of state to publish the session  
3 laws of the legislature electronically and eliminating certain  
4 requirements for publishing and distributing volumes of the session  
5 laws.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 405.014, Government Code, is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 Sec. 405.014. ACTS OF THE LEGISLATURE. (a) At each  
10 session of the legislature the secretary of state shall obtain the  
11 bills that have become law. Immediately after the closing of each  
12 session of the legislature, the secretary of state shall bind all  
13 enrolled bills and resolutions in volumes on which the date of the  
14 session is placed.

15 (b) As soon as practicable after the closing of each session  
16 of the legislature, the secretary of state shall publish and  
17 maintain electronically the bills enacted at that session. The  
18 electronic publication must be:

19 (1) indexed by bill number and assigned chapter number  
20 for each bill; and

21 (2) made available by an electronic link on the  
22 secretary of state's generally accessible Internet website.

23 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 2158, Government Code, is  
24 repealed.

1           SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act does not apply  
2 to a contract for the publication of the laws of this state entered  
3 into before the effective date of this Act.

4           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.