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S.B. No. 1540

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the size of paper supplies and filing cabinets that may be purchased by the legislature and legislative agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2051.021, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(c) In this section, "state agency" means a board, commission, department, office, institution, including an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, or other agency of the state government. The term includes each house of the legislature and an agency in the legislative branch.

(d) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a house of the legislature or agency in the legislative branch may purchase paper supplies prohibited by that subsection as necessary to provide for the orderly transition to the exclusive use of approved paper supplies for printing official legislative documents. This subsection expires January 1, 2013.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act does not affect:

(1) a contract for the purchase of an item entered into before the effective date of this Act; or

(2) the use of any item purchased before the effective

1 date of this Act.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.