By: Harper-Brown H.B. No. 1390

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the electronic submission of a request for an attorney
- 3 general opinion.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 402.042(c), Government Code, is amended
- 6 to read as follows:
- 7 (c) A request for an opinion must be in writing and sent by
- 8 certified or registered mail, with return receipt requested,
- 9 addressed to the office of the attorney general in Austin, or
- 10 electronically to an electronic mail address designated by the
- 11 attorney general for the purpose of receiving requests for opinions
- 12 <u>under this section</u>. The attorney general shall:
- 13 (1) acknowledge receipt of the request not later than
- 14 the 15th day after the date that it is received; and
- 15 (2) issue the opinion not later than the 180th day
- 16 after the date that it is received, unless before that deadline the
- 17 attorney general notifies the requesting person in writing that the
- 18 opinion will be delayed or not rendered and states the reasons for
- 19 the delay or refusal.
- 20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.