

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 68  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2012; January 28, 2013,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human  
 1-4 Services; March 4, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable  
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;  
 1-6 March 4, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Nelson	X			
1-9 Deuell	X			
1-10 Huffman	X			
1-11 Nichols	X			
1-12 Schwertner	X			
1-13 Taylor	X			
1-14 Uresti	X			
1-15 West	X			
1-16 Zaffirini	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 68 By: Nelson

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a request for a waiver of the waiting period before  
 1-22 human remains may be cremated.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 716.004, Health and Safety Code, is  
 1-25 amended by adding Subsection (b) to read as follows:

1-26 (b) The county medical examiner, or, in counties that do not  
 1-27 have a county medical examiner, justices of the peace, shall  
 1-28 develop and maintain a written policy for requesting a written  
 1-29 waiver of the 48-hour waiting period before cremation. In  
 1-30 developing the policy, the medical examiner or justices of the  
 1-31 peace shall consider how persons may make a request, the  
 1-32 availability to make a request on weekends or holidays, and other  
 1-33 issues relevant to processing a request as swiftly as possible.

1-34 SECTION 2. 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, 2013.

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