

1-1 By: Carona S.B. No. 176  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 15, 2013; January 29, 2013,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Open Government;  
1-4 March 4, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; March 4, 2013,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Ellis	X			
1-10	Davis			X	
1-11	Nelson	X			
1-12	Seliger	X			
1-13	Williams	X			

1-14 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 176 By: Nelson

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the distribution of certain consultants' reports.  
1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-19 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 2254, Government Code, is  
1-20 amended by adding Section 2254.041 to read as follows:  
1-21 Sec. 2254.041. DISTRIBUTION OF CONSULTANT REPORTS. (a) A  
1-22 consulting services contract must include provisions that allow the  
1-23 state agency contracting with the consultant and any other state  
1-24 agency and the legislature, at the contracting state agency's  
1-25 discretion, to distribute the consultant report, if any, and to  
1-26 post the report on the agency's Internet website or the website of a  
1-27 standing committee of the legislature.  
1-28 (b) This section does not affect the application of Chapter  
1-29 552 to a consultant's report.  
1-30 SECTION 2. Section 2254.041, Government Code, as added by  
1-31 this Act, applies only to a consulting services contract entered  
1-32 into on or after the effective date of this Act. A consulting  
1-33 services contract entered into before the effective date of this  
1-34 Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the contract is  
1-35 entered into, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.  
1-36 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-37 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-38 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-39 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-40 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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