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(Harper-Brown)

S.B. No. 246

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
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. Subsection (c), Section 402.042, Government
6 Code, is amended 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 under this section. 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.