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S.B. No. 1572

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the character of and citation to enacted legislation.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 3, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 312A to read as follows:

CHAPTER 312A. GENERAL PROVISION

Sec. 312A.001. NATURE OF AND REFERENCE TO LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENTS. (a) When all requirements of law have been met for a bill passed by both houses of the legislature to become law, including action of the governor and any subsequent action of the legislature under Section 14, Article IV, Texas Constitution, the measure becomes an Act of the legislature and should no longer be referred to as a bill or cited by reference to its former bill number or author.

(b) To the extent practicable, in official documents and publications an Act of the legislature should be cited by reference to the chapter number assigned by the secretary of state under Section 405.014 or to the statutory designation of the law enacted or amended by the Act, without reference to the bill by which the legislature enacted that law.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.