

AN ACT

relating to the acceptance of employment applications through the online system for listing state agency employment openings maintained by the Texas Workforce Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 656, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 656.002 to read as follows:

Sec. 656.002. ONLINE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS.

(a) In this section, "state agency" does not include an institution of higher education or university system as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(b) The online system for listing state agency employment openings maintained by the Texas Workforce Commission must allow an applicant for employment to complete a single state application online and enter the application into an online database from which the applicant may electronically send the application to multiple state agencies.

(c) The Texas Workforce Commission shall:

(1) prescribe a standard electronic format for the online application described by Subsection (b); and

(2) ensure that the commission's online system allows an applicant to submit and a state agency to receive an online application for state agency employment.

(d) A state agency shall accept an application for an

1 employment opening from the online system maintained by the Texas
2 Workforce Commission.

3 (e) This section does not prohibit a state agency from
4 accepting an application for an employment opening in a manner
5 other than the manner described by this section.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 426 was passed by the House on April 28, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 426 was passed by the Senate on May 20, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor