

1-1 By: Burkett (Senate Sponsor - Hall) H.B. No. 2134  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2015;  
 1-3 May 4, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Business  
 1-4 and Commerce; May 22, 2015, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-12			X	
1-13	X			
1-14			X	
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1-16	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to allowing a governmental body to request clarification  
 1-20 of a request for public information by electronic mail.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 552.222, Government Code, is amended by  
 1-23 amending Subsection (f) and adding Subsection (g) to read as  
 1-24 follows:

1-25 (f) Except as provided by Subsection (g), if [~~if~~] the  
 1-26 requestor's request for public information included the requestor's  
 1-27 physical or mailing address, the request may not be considered to  
 1-28 have been withdrawn under Subsection (d) unless the governmental  
 1-29 body, officer for public information, or agent, as applicable,  
 1-30 sends the request for clarification or discussion under Subsection  
 1-31 (b) or the written request for additional information under  
 1-32 Subsection (c) to that address by certified mail.

1-33 (g) If the requestor's request for public information was  
 1-34 sent by electronic mail, the request may be considered to have been  
 1-35 withdrawn under Subsection (d) if:

1-36 (1) the governmental body, officer for public  
 1-37 information, or agent, as applicable, sends the request for  
 1-38 clarification or discussion under Subsection (b) or the written  
 1-39 request for additional information under Subsection (c) by  
 1-40 electronic mail to the same electronic mail address from which the  
 1-41 original request was sent or to another electronic mail address  
 1-42 provided by the requestor; and

1-43 (2) the governmental body, officer for public  
 1-44 information, or agent, as applicable, does not receive from the  
 1-45 requestor a written response or response by electronic mail within  
 1-46 the period described by Subsection (d).

1-47 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
 1-48 to a request for information that is received by a governmental  
 1-49 body, an officer for public information, or an agent on or after the  
 1-50 effective date of this Act. A request for information that was  
 1-51 received before the effective date of this Act is governed by the  
 1-52 law in effect on the date the request was received, and the former  
 1-53 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-54 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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