

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 292  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 9, 2015; January 28, 2015,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human  
1-4 Services; March 23, 2015, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 23, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Schwertner	X		
1-9	Kolkhorst	X		
1-10	Campbell	X		
1-11	Estes	X		
1-12	Perry	X		
1-13	Rodríguez	X		
1-14	Taylor of Collin	X		
1-15	Uresti	X		
1-16	Zaffirini	X		

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

1-19 relating to a request for a waiver of the waiting period before  
1-20 human remains may be cremated.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 716.004, Health and Safety Code, is  
1-23 amended by adding Subsection (b) to read as follows:

1-24 (b) A justice of the peace or medical examiner's office  
1-25 authorized to grant a waiver under Subsection (a) shall adopt a  
1-26 written policy for requesting a waiver under Subsection (a). In  
1-27 adopting the written policy, the justice of the peace or medical  
1-28 examiner's office shall consider how a person makes a request, and  
1-29 how the justice of the peace or medical examiner may process the  
1-30 request as quickly as possible. The written policy must outline the  
1-31 process of making a request for a waiver under Subsection (a) during  
1-32 regular business hours and outside of regular business hours,  
1-33 including on a weekend day or holiday.

1-34 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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