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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 791 |
| By: Lozano |
| General Investigating & Ethics |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Interested parties contend that the electronic filing requirement for a personal financial statement filed by certain individuals appointed by the governor to state office is prejudicial to an individual who does not own a personal computer or does not have access to the Internet at the individual's residence. H.B. 791 seeks to authorize such individuals to file the statement by certified mail. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS**  H.B. 791 amends the Government Code to authorize an individual who was appointed to office by the governor before December 31, 2016, and who is required to file a personal financial statement with the Texas Ethics Commission under state law to file such a statement by certified mail if the individual does not own a personal computer or does not have Internet access at the individual's residence. The bill requires that such a filing by mail be in compliance with statutory provisions relating to the timely filing of such a statement. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017. |