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TO: Honorable Joseph Pickett, Chair, House Committee on Environmental Regulation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4181 by Perez (Relating to the electronic transmission of certain notice required for air quality permits.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 382.055 to allow the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to provide renewal notice to a new source review permittee by electronic communication if TCEQ develops a system that reliably replaces registered or certified mail as a means of verifying receipt of the notice. The bill would amend Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 382.0562(a) to allow TCEQ or a designee to send notice of a proposed final action on a federal operating permit to the federal operating permittee and all persons who comment during the public comment period or at the public hearing through electronic communication.

The air permitting program at TCEQ currently has a system that allows notice to be sent via electronic communication with a reliable means to verify receipt of the notice, satisfying the provisions of the bill. TCEQ anticipates the ability to implement the electronic notice for new source review renewals as referenced in the bill and estimates that implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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