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H.B. No. 525

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to delivery of certain statutory county court, district court, or appellate court orders.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 80, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 80. DELIVERY OF NOTICE, ORDERS, AND DOCUMENTS

SECTION 2. Section 80.001, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 80.001. DELIVERY OF NOTICE OR DOCUMENT. A court, justice, judge, magistrate, or clerk may send any notice or document by a method authorized by Section 80.002(a) [~~80.002~~].

SECTION 3. Section 80.002, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 80.002. [~~AUTHORIZED~~] DELIVERY OF NOTICE, ORDER, OR DOCUMENT. (a) A court, justice, judge, magistrate, or clerk may send any notice or document using mail or electronic mail. This subsection [~~section~~] applies to all civil and criminal statutes requiring delivery of a notice or document.

(b) In addition to any other delivery method required or authorized by law or supreme court rule, a statutory county court, district court, or appellate court shall deliver all orders entered by the court either:

(1) in person to each individual entitled to service;

1 or

2 (2) to each individual entitled to service who elects
3 electronic service through:

4 (A) electronic mail; or

5 (B) the electronic filing system established
6 under Section [72.031](#) for a case in which the use of the electronic
7 filing system is required or authorized.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.