By: Miles S.B. No. 391

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the submission of public comments regarding air, waste, or water permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter M-1, Chapter 5, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 5.588 to read as follows:

Sec. 5.588. SUBMISSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS BY E-MAIL. The commission shall establish procedures allowing a person to submit a comment by e-mail during any public comment period required by other law regarding a permit application.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application for a permit that is filed with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for a permit filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date of filing, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.