

SUBJECT: Allowing the comptroller to serve certain notices electronically

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 11 ayes — Meyer, Thierry, Button, Cole, Guerra, Martinez Fischer, Murphy, Noble, Rodriguez, Sanford, Shine
0 nays

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Susana Carranza; Idona Griffith)

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Karey Barton, Comptroller of Public Accounts)

BACKGROUND: Tax Code sec. 111.0047 entitles a person whose permit or license the comptroller proposes to revoke or suspend to 20 days' written notice of the time and place of the hearing on the revocation or suspension. The comptroller may serve this notice to the holder of the license or permit personally or by mail.

It has been suggested that authorizing the comptroller to serve these required notices by electronic means would increase efficiency and reduce mailing expenses.

DIGEST: CSHB 3134 would allow the comptroller to serve notice to the holder of a permit or license as required under Tax Code sec. 111.0047 by electronic means. A notice served by electronic means would have to be addressed to the person's email address as it appeared in the comptroller's records, and such service would be complete when the comptroller transmitted the notice to that email address.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.