

SUBJECT: Allowing comptroller to require electronic submission of certain tax items

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 10 ayes — Meyer, Thierry, Button, Cole, Guerra, Murphy, Noble,
Rodriguez, Sanford, Shine

0 nays

1 absent — Martinez Fischer

WITNESSES: For — None

Against — None

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

DIGEST: HB 3786 would allow the comptroller, after providing notice, to require a document, payment, notice, report, or other property tax-related item required to be submitted to the comptroller to be submitted electronically. The comptroller also could send such an item electronically.

The comptroller could adopt rules to administer these provisions, including rules specifying the format of an item electronically submitted or sent.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.

SUPPORTERS
SAY: HB 3786 would make the comptroller's office more efficient and bring older laws up to date by allowing the comptroller to require property tax-related items be submitted electronically. Currently, some provisions require tax documents, payments, or notices be mailed to or from the comptroller, creating an administrative burden and a significant postage cost. By allowing the comptroller to send and receive documents electronically, the bill would reduce costs and allow the comptroller's

office to use its staff more efficiently. The comptroller would adopt rules to administer the bill, which could provide an opt-out system for an entity that could not submit documents electronically.

CRITICS
SAY:

No concerns identified.