

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

H.B. 2032 clarifies policies regarding the release of e-mail addresses by governmental entities. It maintains that an e-mail address of a member of the public that is provided for the purpose of communicating with the governmental body is confidential. This bill sets forth circumstances under which an e-mail address can be released.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 552.137, Government Code, as follows:

- (a) Includes an exception as otherwise provided by this section.
- (b) No changes made to this subsection.
- (c) Provides that Subsection (a), providing for confidentiality, does not apply to certain e-mail addresses.
- (d) Provides that Subsection (a) does not prevent a governmental body from disclosing an e-mail address for any reason to another governmental body or to a federal agency.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.