

- SUBJECT:** Allowing certain tolling entities to send notices electronically
- COMMITTEE:** Transportation — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 12 ayes — Canales, Bernal, Y. Davis, Goldman, Hefner, Krause, Leman, Martinez, Ortega, Raney, Thierry, E. Thompson
- 0 nays
- 1 absent — Landgraf
- SENATE VOTE:** On final passage, April 11 — 31-0, on Local and Uncontested Calendar
- WITNESSES:** *On House companion bill, HB 4398:*
For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Terri Hall, Texas TURF and Texans for Toll-Free Highways; Don Dixon; Tom Glass; Jenna Hall)
- Against — None
- On — Brian Ragland, Texas Department of Transportation
- BACKGROUND:** Transportation Code ch. 284, ch. 370, and ch. 372 describe certain tolling entities that may send a notice of nonpayment via first class mail.
- It has been suggested that email, text, or another form of digital communication would be more efficient than sending notice via first class mail.
- DIGEST:** SB 1311 would allow certain tolling entities to send an invoice or notice of nonpayment as an electronic record if the recipient of the information agreed to the transmission as an electronic record and on terms acceptable to the recipient.
- The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.