

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the regulation of the actions of lobbyists are controlled under Chapter 305, Government Code. Under current law, the term "communicates directly with," may exclude methods of communication, due to advances in communication technology. This bill provides that the definition of "communicates directly with" includes contacting persons through certain means, including facsimile, electronic mail, or other electronic means of communication.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1412 provides that the definition of "communicates directly with" includes contacting persons through certain means, including facsimile, electronic mail, or other electronic means of communication.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 305.002(2), Government Code, to provide that the definition of "communicates directly with" includes contacting persons through certain means, including facsimile, electronic mail, or other electronic means of communication.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.