Chapter 479

1   AN ACT

2   relating to the electronic submission of a wage claim to the Texas

3   Workforce Commission.

4   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5   SECTION 1. Section 61.051(d), Labor Code, is amended to

6   read as follows:

7   (d) The employee may file the wage claim:

8   (1) in person at an office of the commission;

9   (2) by mailing the claim to an address designated by

10 the commission;

11   (3) by faxing the claim to a fax number designated by
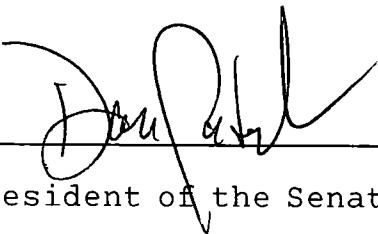
12 the commission; [or]

13   (4) electronically in a manner designated by the
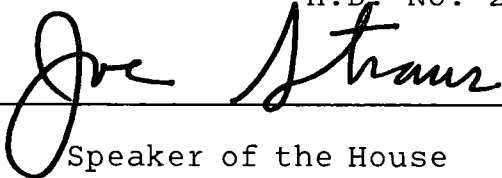
14 commission by rule; or

15   (5) by any other means adopted by the commission by

16 rule.

17   SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2017, the Texas

18 Workforce Commission shall adopt rules for the administration of

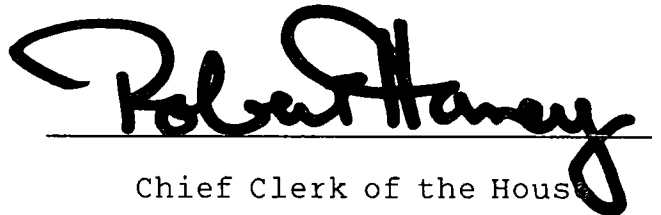19 Section 61.051(d), Labor Code, as amended by this Act.

20   SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only

21 to a wage claim that is filed with the Texas Workforce Commission on

22 or after January 1, 2018. A wage claim filed before that date is

23 governed by the law in effect on the date that the claim was filed,

24 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

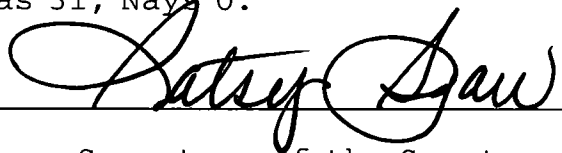1   SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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President of the Senate   Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2443 was passed by the House on May 9, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2443 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____6 - 7 - 2017_____
                        Date

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Governor

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 11, 2017

TO: Honorable Craig Estes, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2443** by González, Mary (Relating to the electronic submission of a wage claim to the Texas Workforce Commission.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

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Source Agencies: 320 Texas Workforce Commission
LBB Staff: UP, SZ, CL, EH, CP

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April 27, 2017

TO: Honorable René Oliveira, Chair, House Committee on Business & Industry

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