1-1 By: Sheets (Senate Sponsor - Huffines)
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 11, 2015;
1-3 May 12, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Administration; May 21, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

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1-8	Hancock	X			
1-9	Uresti	X			
1-10	Campbell			X	
1-11	Eltife	X			
1-12	Huffines	X			
1-13	Schwertner			X	
1-14	West	X			

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, In the 21st century, residents of the Lone Star State of all ages, backgrounds, and political persuasions may directly address their elected legislators through the use of the social media hashtag #txlege; and

WHEREAS, On Twitter and other online platforms, using #txlege enables an engaged citizen to participate in unfiltered democracy, sharing his or her beliefs, principles, complaints, and praise on all subjects related to the Texas Legislature directly and instantaneously with the world; and

WHEREAS, This ongoing conversation streams endlessly through cyberspace, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, as individuals, political parties, lobbyists, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and countless other stakeholders communicate their thoughts about current and proposed legislation 140 characters at a time; and

WHEREAS, These comments can range widely, from the solemn to the comical, from the serious to the frivolous, and from the polite to the not-so-polite, and taken together, they make up a ceaseless, real-time, and sometimes raw but always fascinating stream-of-consciousness accounting of what Texans want their legislators to know; and

WHEREAS, Social media is transforming political discourse in Texas, across the nation, and around the world, and #txlege represents an opportunity for every Texan to follow and participate in this dynamic and freewheeling debate of the issues of the day; now, therefore, be it

1-41 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas 1-42 hereby designate #txlege as the official hashtag of the Texas 1-43 Legislature.

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