

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 557
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 31, 2019; February 21, 2019,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 March 13, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 13, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to use of the electronic funds transfer system operated by
 1-20 the comptroller.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 403.016, Government Code, is amended by
 1-23 amending Subsections (b), (c), and (f) and adding Subsections (f-1)
 1-24 and (f-2) to read as follows:

1-25 (b) The comptroller shall use the electronic funds transfer
 1-26 system to pay an employee's net state salary and travel expense
 1-27 reimbursements ~~[unless:~~

1-28 ~~[(1) the employee does not hold a classified position~~
 1-29 ~~under the state's position classification plan and the employee's~~
 1-30 ~~gross state salary is less than the gross state salary for a~~
 1-31 ~~position classified to group 8, step 1, of the state position~~
 1-32 ~~classification plan; or~~

1-33 ~~[(2) the employee holds a classified position under the~~
 1-34 ~~state's position classification plan that is classified below group~~
 1-35 ~~8].~~

1-36 (c) The comptroller shall use the electronic funds transfer
 1-37 system to make:

1-38 (1) payments of more than \$100 to annuitants by the
 1-39 Employees Retirement System of Texas, ~~[or]~~ the Teacher Retirement
 1-40 System of Texas, or the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System
 1-41 under each [either] system's administrative jurisdiction;

1-42 (2) recurring payments to municipalities, counties,
 1-43 political subdivisions, special districts, and other governmental
 1-44 entities of this state; and

1-45 (3) payments to vendors who choose to receive payment
 1-46 through the electronic funds transfer system rather than by
 1-47 warrant.

1-48 (f) ~~[(1)]~~ Except as provided by Subsection (f-1)
 1-49 ~~[Subdivisions (2) and (4)]~~ and subject to any limitation in rules
 1-50 adopted by the comptroller, an automated clearinghouse, or the
 1-51 federal government, the comptroller may use the electronic funds
 1-52 transfer system to deposit payments only to one or more accounts of
 1-53 a payee at one or more financial institutions, including credit
 1-54 unions.

1-55 (f-1) [(2)] The comptroller may also use the electronic
 1-56 funds transfer system to deposit the amount [a portion] of an
 1-57 employee's payroll deduction made as authorized by law [gross pay
 1-58 into the employee's account at a credit union as prescribed by
 1-59 Subchapter C, Chapter 659].

1-60 (f-2) [(3)] A single electronic funds transfer may contain
 1-61 payments to multiple payees. Individual transfers or warrants are

2-1 not required for each payee.

2-2 ~~[(4) The comptroller may also use the electronic funds~~
2-3 ~~transfer system to deposit a portion of an employee's gross pay into~~
2-4 ~~an account of an eligible state employee organization for a~~
2-5 ~~membership as prescribed by Subchapter G, Chapter 659.]~~

2-6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-10 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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