

1-1 By: Dyson (Senate Sponsor - Johnson) H.B. No. 3516
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2025;
1-3 May 19, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
1-4 & Commerce; May 25, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 25, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the availability of certain working papers and
1-22 electronic communications of certain administrative law judges and
1-23 technical examiners under the public information law.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 552.144, Government Code, is amended to
1-26 read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 552.144. EXCEPTION: WORKING PAPERS AND ELECTRONIC
1-28 COMMUNICATIONS OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES AND TECHNICAL
1-29 EXAMINERS AT STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RAILROAD
1-30 COMMISSION. The following working papers and electronic
1-31 communications of an administrative law judge at the State Office
1-32 of Administrative Hearings or of a technical examiner or
1-33 administrative law judge at the Railroad Commission of Texas are
1-34 excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021:

1-35 (1) notes and electronic communications recording the
1-36 observations, thoughts, questions, deliberations, or impressions
1-37 of an administrative law judge or a technical examiner;

1-38 (2) drafts of a proposal for decision;

1-39 (3) drafts of orders made in connection with
1-40 conducting contested case hearings; and

1-41 (4) drafts of orders made in connection with
1-42 conducting alternative dispute resolution procedures.

1-43 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
1-44 a request for public information received by a governmental body or
1-45 an officer for public information on or after the effective date of
1-46 this Act.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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