

House Bill 1016 and Senate Bill 178

Electronic Format Recommendations Of The Texas Legislative Council

House Bill 1016 and Senate Bill 178 require the legislative council to make a recommendation regarding the electronic format of state agency information. Below is the council's recommendation for each bill. These recommendations are on the web sites of the legislative council and the Texas Legislature, www.tlc.state.tx.us and www.capitol.state.tx.us respectively. These recommendations are also published in the Texas Register.

HB 1016

The Texas Legislative Council's recommendation for HB 1016's requirement that a "state agency shall make each report required by law available to members of the legislature in an electronic format determined by the Texas Legislative Council" is that a state agency should:

- format the report in Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format, HTML format, or ASCII format,
- place the reports on the agency's web site, and
- contact the legislators and specify the address (URL) of the report on the agency's web site.

If an agency does not have a World Wide Web site, the agency may use one of the contractors that the General Services Commission has contracted with to provide web development and hosting services. These contracts have been competitively procured, so your agency may contact the vendors directly. For more information on this, please visit the Tex-An web page at <http://www.texan.state.tx.us>, or phone the Tex-An hotline at 936-9999.

SB 178

The Texas Legislative Council's recommendation for SB 178's requirement that a "state officer or board, commission, or other agency in the executive branch of state government, and an agency in the judicial branch of state government other than a court, shall make reports required by law and minutes of meetings of the agency's governing body available to members of the legislature and to agencies in the legislative branch of state government in an electronic format determined by the Texas Legislative Council" is that a state agency should:

- format the minutes of the meeting in Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format, HTML format, or ASCII format,
- place the minutes of the meeting on the agency's web site.

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