

# CHANGES TO THE TEXAS PAYDAY LABOR LAW

## **EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2009:**

### **Changes relating to the filing of a wage claim.**

Section 61.051(b) and (d) are amended to read as follows:

- (b) A wage claim must be filed in a manner and on a form prescribed by the commission and must be verified by the employee.
- (d) The employee may file the wage claim:
  - (1) in person at an office of the commission;
  - (2) by mailing the claim to an address designated by the commission;
  - (3) by faxing the claim to a fax number designated by the commission; or
  - (4) by any other means adopted by the commission by rule.

### **Changes relating to wage claim jurisdiction.**

Section 61.051 is amended to read as follows:

- (c) A wage claim must be filed not later than the 180<sup>th</sup> day after the date the wages claimed became due for payment. The 180-day deadline is a matter of jurisdiction.

Section 61.052(b) is amended to read as follows:

- (1) If a wage claim is filed later than the date described by Section 61.0151(c), the examiner shall dismiss the wage claim for lack of jurisdiction.

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