

CHAPTER 307

H.B. No. 211

AN ACT

relating to the reporting of certain technological innovations developed by state agencies.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. In this Act, "state agency" means an office, institution, or other agency that is in the executive branch of state government, has authority that is not limited to a geographical portion of the state, and was created by the constitution or a statute of this state, but does not include an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

SECTION 2. (a) On or before January 31 of each year, each state agency shall report to the attorney general technological innovations developed by the agency that have potential commercial application, are proprietary, or could be subject to protection under intellectual property laws and that were developed:

- (1) during the preceding calendar year; or
 - (2) before the preceding calendar year but not previously reported to the attorney general.
- (b) The attorney general may prescribe a form for the report.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 23, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 14, 1993: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Approved May 27, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.