BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 778 (First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 4 and 5, strike "and other similar electronic communications"; in line 5, after "changes;" insert "<u>making provisions of a certain statute severable;</u>"; and in line 6, strike "or other electronic communications".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 19, strike "OR SIMILAR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION"; in line 21, strike "call or calls" and substitute "<u>COMMUNICATION</u>"; and in line 23, strike "calls" and substitute "<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 2, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of Article 27, § 555A of the Code or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of Article 27, § 555A which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of Article 27, § 555A are declared severable.";

and in line 3, strike "2." and substitute "3.".