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Schwertner Files E-Verify Legislation for State Agencies

SB 374 would require all state agencies to use the federal E-Verify system as a precondition to state employment.

AUSTIN, TX -- Today, Senator Charles Schwertner (R-Georgetown) filed SB 374, legislation that will require all state agencies to utilize the federal E-Verify system to determine the legal work status of their employees. SB 374 is the Senate companion to HB 183, filed in the Texas House of Representatives by State Representative Tony Dale (R-Cedar Park).

"If we ever hope to make any real progress in solving our nation's illegal immigration problem, we must first address the jobs, benefits, and other factors that entice immigrants to enter our country illegally in the first place," said Schwertner. "Texas taxpayers should be able to feel confident that their hard-earned tax dollars are being directed to legitimate purposes and not spent hiring immigrants who are ineligible to work in this country legally. SB 374 will go a long way to ensuring just that."

E-Verify is an Internet-based system that compares information from an employee's Form I-9 (Employment Eligibility Verification) with data from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration in order to confirm employment eligibility.

In November 2014, Dr. Charles Schwertner was overwhelmingly reelected to serve the citizens of Senate District 5, a ten-county region of central and east Texas. Following the 83rd Legislative Session, Senator Schwertner was named a "Courageous Conservative" by the Texas Conservative Coalition, a "Lone Star Conservative Leader" by the Texas Conservative Roundtable, and "Senate Freshman of the Year" by Texas Monthly magazine.

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