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H.B. No. 1715

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to provision of broadband infrastructure and connectivity by the Lower Colorado River Authority.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 8503, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 8503.032 to read as follows:

Sec. 8503.032. BROADBAND SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONNECTIVITY. (a) In this section, "broadband service" means advanced telecommunications capability and Internet access.

(b) The authority may:

(1) construct infrastructure used to provide broadband service; and

(2) facilitate broadband service connectivity.

(c) The authority may not provide broadband service to a retail customer.

(d) Notwithstanding any other law, Subtitle C, Title 2, Utilities Code, does not apply to the authority.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.