

AN ACT

relating to tariff filing requirements for certain telecommunications providers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 52.251, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Subsections (a-1), (c), and (d) and amending Subsection (b) to read as follows:

(a-1) An affiliate or trade association may file the tariff required under Subsection (a) on behalf of the public utility.

(b) The public utility, affiliate, or trade association shall file as a part of the tariff required under Subsection (a) each rule that relates to or affects:

(1) a rate of the utility; or

(2) a utility service, product, or commodity furnished by the utility.

(c) The tariff filing is considered approved if the commission does not approve or deny the tariff filing or request supplemental information from the public utility, affiliate, or trade association that filed the tariff before the 60th day after receiving the tariff filing.

(d) If the commission requests supplemental information from the public utility, affiliate, or trade association under Subsection (c), the utility, affiliate, or association must provide the commission with the supplemental information not later than the

1 15th day after receiving the request from the commission. If the
2 commission does not approve or deny the tariff filing before the
3 30th day after the commission receives the supplemental
4 information, the tariff filing is considered approved.

5 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
6 a tariff filed under Section 52.251, Utilities Code, as amended by
7 this Act, on or after the effective date of this Act. A tariff filed
8 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
9 effect on the date the tariff was filed, and the former law is
10 continued in effect for that purpose.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1597 was passed by the House on April 28, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 9, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1597 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor