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H.B. No. 4952

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 4952:

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C.S.H.B. No. 4952

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the security of the electricity supply chain.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 38, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 38.205 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.205. PHYSICAL SECURITY OF CRITICAL FACILITIES. (a)

In this section, "critical facility" means a transmission substation and any associated control center the inoperability of which could result in widespread instability, uncontrolled separation, or cascading outages within an interconnection.

(b) The commission shall require each electric utility, electric cooperative, municipally owned utility, river authority that owns electric transmission assets, and transmission and distribution utility to provide to the chair of the committee the following information:

(1) the location of any critical facility owned or operated by the utility, cooperative, or authority;

(2) security measures in place to protect each critical facility against physical attack; and

(3) contact information for the applicable utility, cooperative, or authority.

(c) The chair of the committee may share information provided to the chair under Subsection (b) related to a physical attack or a threat of a physical attack on a critical facility with

1 a law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the critical
2 facility.

3 (d) The chair of the committee shall provide the Department
4 of Public Safety with access to the information provided to the
5 chair of the committee under Subsection (b).

6 (e) Information provided to the chair of the committee or
7 the Department of Public Safety under this section is confidential
8 under Section 418.181, Government Code, and not subject to
9 disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.