

By: Perry

S.B. No. 1171

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disclosure of customer information by government-operated utilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 182.054, Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 182.054. EXCEPTIONS. This subchapter does not prohibit a government-operated utility from disclosing personal information in a customer's account record to:

(1) an official or employee of the state, a political subdivision of the state, or the United States acting in an official capacity;

(2) an employee of a utility acting in connection with the employee's duties;

(3) a consumer reporting agency;

(4) a contractor or subcontractor approved by and providing services to the utility, the state, a political subdivision of the state, or the United States;

(5) a person for whom the customer has contractually waived confidentiality for personal information; ~~or~~

(6) another entity that provides water, wastewater, sewer, gas, garbage, electricity, or drainage service for compensation;

(7) another entity as necessary to facilitate the

1 transition of customers among retail electric providers under  
2 Section 40.053 or to comply with rules, guidelines, and procedures  
3 established by an independent organization certified under Section  
4 39.151; or

5 (8) a retail electric provider, as defined by Section  
6 31.002(17).

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