

BILL ANALYSIS

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Natural Resources
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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

The governor has emergency management powers to protect the state from natural or man-made disasters, riots, or hostile military or “paramilitary action.” Part of the governor’s responsibilities include planning for and responding to energy emergencies. S.B. 985 adds temporary statewide or local shortages of natural gas to the definition of energy emergency.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 418.004(3), Government Code, to include a temporary statewide, regional, or local shortage of natural gas in the definition of “energy emergency.”

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.