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H.B. No. 1342

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas
3 or the Railroad Commission of Texas to conduct a closed meeting to
4 deliberate a security threat, disaster, or energy emergency.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 551, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 551.093 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 551.093. DELIBERATIONS OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
9 TEXAS OR RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS RELATING TO SECURITY THREAT,
10 DISASTER, OR ENERGY EMERGENCY. (a) In this section, "disaster"
11 and "energy emergency" have the meanings assigned by Section
12 418.004.

13 (b) This chapter does not require the Public Utility
14 Commission of Texas or the Railroad Commission of Texas to conduct
15 an open meeting to deliberate the details, or specific occasions
16 for implementation, of a plan for responding to a security threat, a
17 disaster, or an energy emergency.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.