

Amend HB 13 as follows:

(1) In the portion of SECTION 27 of the bill that adds new Section 66.004(a), Utilities Code (page 63, line 2, house committee report), strike "(b) and (c)" and substitute "(b), (c), and (d)"

(2) Following the portion of SECTION 27 of the bill that adds new Section 66.004(a) Utilities Code (on page 63, between lines 2 and 3, house committee report), add the following new subsection (b) and reletter subsequent subsections accordingly:

"(b) Any cable or video service provider with an existing franchise that complies with this chapter may elect to terminate an existing franchise beginning January 1, 2008. A cable or video service provider that elects to terminate an existing franchise shall provide written notice of such election to the commission and the affected municipality. The termination date of the municipal franchise shall be the date the commission issues a state-issued certificate of franchise authority. The termination date under this subsection shall be considered to be the expiration date of the franchise for purposes of this chapter."

(3) At the end of the portion of SECTION 27 of the bill that adds new Section 66.004(f), Utilities Code (page 65, line 11, house committee report), add the following language following "jurisdiction":

"Nothing contained in this subsection shall be deemed to abrogate, nullify or affect the authority granted to an existing cable or video service provider under Subsections (b) and (c) to elect to terminate an existing franchise or to otherwise abrogate, nullify, or affect the terms or conditions, including the expiration date, of an existing franchise."