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S.B. No. 1662

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to provider of last resort obligations of certain  
3 telecommunications utilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 54.251(b), Utilities Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (b) Except as specifically determined otherwise by the  
8 commission under this subchapter or Subchapter G, the holder of a  
9 certificate of convenience and necessity for an area has the  
10 obligations of a provider of last resort regardless of whether  
11 another provider has a certificate of operating authority or  
12 service provider certificate of operating authority for that area.  
13 The provider of last resort obligation under this subsection may be  
14 met using any available technology, notwithstanding any other  
15 provision of this title.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.