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H.B. No. 2096

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to utility connections on certain tracts of land in certain counties near an international border.

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

SECTION 1. Section 232.029, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (k) and (l) to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (c) and (k) or Section 232.037(c), a utility may not serve or connect any subdivided land with electricity or gas unless the entity receives a determination from the county commissioners court under Section 232.028(b)(2) that adequate water and sewer services have been installed to service the subdivision.

(k) The commissioners court may allow a utility that does not hold a certificate issued by, or has not received a determination from, the commissioners court under this subchapter to serve or connect subdivided land with electricity or gas if the land was subdivided and three or more of the lots in the subdivided land, including the lot proposed for service or a connection, were served or connected by the utility before January 1, 2001.

(l) Notwithstanding Subsection (k), a utility may not serve or connect subdivided land as described by that subsection if, on or after September 1, 2007, any portion of that land is improved or if any existing improvements on that land are modified.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.