

Amend HB 232 as follows:

On page 2, line 13, insert the following appropriately numbered section:

Section \_\_\_\_\_. Section 56.022, Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 56.022. UNIFORM CHARGE. (a) The universal service fund is funded by a statewide uniform charge payable by each telecommunications provider that has access to the customer base.

(b) A telecommunications provider shall pay the charge in accordance with procedures approved by the commission.

(c) The uniform charge is on services and at rates the commission determines. In establishing the charge and the services to which the charge will apply, the commission may not:

(1) grant an unreasonable preference or advantage to a telecommunications provider;

(2) assess the charge on pay telephone service; ~~[or]~~

(3) subject a telecommunications provider to unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage~~[.]~~; or

(4) assess a fee for the purposes Section 56.021 or Subchapter I of this Chapter that is in excess of 3.4% of taxable communications receipts.

On page 3, line 4, strike the word "and";

On page 3, line 6, strike the "." and insert "; and";

On page 3, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following subsection:

"(3) limit the grant program in accordance with Section 56.022(c)(4) of this Chapter."