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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to coordinating information regarding the location of
3 infrastructure to which the supply of electric service is critical
4 to the public health and safety or for emergency management
5 purposes.

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

7 SECTION 1. Chapter 418, Government Code, is amended by
8 adding Subchapter I to read as follows:

9 SUBCHAPTER I. CRITICAL SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION FOR
10 ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE

11 Sec. 418.251. CRITICAL SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION.

12 (a) To provide for rapid mitigation of disasters or emergencies
13 that result in widespread electric utility service outages, each
14 municipality shall provide the division with the location of
15 infrastructure in the municipality's jurisdiction that is critical
16 to the public health or safety and that requires electric utility
17 service to adequately respond to or to mitigate the effects of a
18 disaster or emergency.

19 (b) A municipality shall file with the division the critical
20 infrastructure location information:

21 (1) annually;

22 (2) on a standardized form provided by the division to
23 be filed electronically or by mail; and

24 (3) by street address and by any other means of

1 identifying location the division requires.

2 (c) The division shall provide with the standardized form
3 information to assist a municipality in determining the
4 infrastructure in the municipality's jurisdiction that is critical
5 to the public health or safety and that requires electric utility
6 service to adequately respond to or to mitigate the effects of a
7 disaster or emergency. The critical infrastructure identified on
8 the form must include:

9 (1) police and fire stations;

10 (2) relevant government buildings;

11 (3) sewage lift stations;

12 (4) water treatment facilities; and

13 (5) hospitals.

14 Sec. 418.252. DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION TO UTILITIES.

15 (a) The division shall provide to each electric utility that owns
16 electric transmission and distribution lines the critical
17 infrastructure location information for each municipality served
18 by the utility. The Public Utility Commission of Texas shall assist
19 the division in identifying the relevant utilities and coordinating
20 the delivery of the information.

21 (b) The division shall provide the information annually
22 under Subsection (a) not later than March 1.

23 Sec. 418.253. MAINTENANCE OF INFORMATION. (a) An electric
24 utility that receives the critical infrastructure location
25 information from the division shall:

26 (1) maintain the information to assist the utility
27 with efforts to restore electric utility service; and

1 (2) update the information annually with location
2 information as it is received from the division.

3 (b) The Public Utility Commission of Texas shall adopt rules
4 to ensure compliance with this section.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.