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H.B. No. 3842

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the duties of a municipally owned electric utility when operating outside the municipality.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.001(2), Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Electric utility" includes:

(A) an electric cooperative; and

(B) a municipally owned utility when the utility is operating outside the municipality.

SECTION 2. This Act applies only to service to or construction in an area that had not begun before the effective date of this Act. Service to or construction in an area that began before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the service or construction began, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.