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H.B. No. 1204

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the removal of certain restrictions on the ability to  
3 switch retail electric providers.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 39.101, Utilities Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

7 (e-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (e), to provide a customer  
8 with electric service in an area that has implemented customer  
9 choice, on request of a retail electric provider, a transmission  
10 and distribution utility shall remove a hold or any other  
11 restriction that is based on an amount due to another retail  
12 electric provider and that is preventing the customer from  
13 receiving electric service.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.