

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 1445

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the prices a retail electric provider charges certain residential customers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 39, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 39.113 to read as follows:

Sec. 39.113. PRICES CHARGED FOR FIXED PRICE CONTRACTS AND MONTH-TO-MONTH SERVICE. (a) In this section, "fixed price contract" means a residential retail electric service contract for which the price is stated in the contract and does not change throughout the term of the contract. The term does not include month-to-month service.

(b) A retail electric provider may not offer month-to-month service to a residential customer at a higher price than the price at which the retail electric provider offers a fixed price contract to a new or renewing residential customer.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a contract for retail electric service entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract for retail electric service entered into or renewed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.