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S.B. No. 982

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas  
3 in relation to extended service areas and toll-free local calling  
4 areas.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Utilities Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 55.026 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 55.026. NEW ORDERS PROHIBITED AFTER CERTAIN DATE. On  
9 or after September 1, 2011, the commission may not require a  
10 telecommunications provider to provide mandatory or optional  
11 extended area service to additional metropolitan areas or calling  
12 areas.

13 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 55, Utilities Code, is  
14 amended by adding Section 55.049 to read as follows:

15 Sec. 55.049. EXPANSION PROHIBITED AFTER CERTAIN DATE. On  
16 or after September 1, 2011, the commission may not order an  
17 expansion of a toll-free local calling area.

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