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S.B. No. 1849

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to furthering stability and affordable service in the  
3 communications industry through the universal service fund.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 56.025, Utilities Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

7 (g) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a local exchange  
8 company that has been receiving support under a commission order  
9 issued under this section before January 1, 2005, is entitled to  
10 continue to receive that support. The commission may not require  
11 the company to reimburse the commission for support that the  
12 company received under this section on or after January 1, 2005, and  
13 before the date this subsection takes effect.

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.