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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.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 56, Utilities Code, is
6 amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

7 (g) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), any local exchange
8 company that received high cost assistance pursuant to a valid
9 commission order dated prior to January 1, 2005 shall be allowed to
10 retain its high cost assistance as set forth in such order.

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