

1-1 By: Hegar S.B. No. 1849  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2011; March 24, 2011, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce;  
1-4 April 20, 2011, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 20, 2011,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1849 By: Harris

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to furthering stability and affordable service in the  
1-11 communications industry through the universal service fund.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 56.025, Utilities Code, is amended by  
1-14 adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

1-15 (g) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a local exchange  
1-16 company that has been receiving support under a commission order  
1-17 issued under this section before January 1, 2005, is entitled to  
1-18 continue to receive that support. The commission may not require  
1-19 the company to reimburse the commission for support that the  
1-20 company received under this section on or after January 1, 2005, and  
1-21 before the date this subsection takes effect.

1-22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-26 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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