

Suspending limitations on conference committee  
jurisdiction, H.B. No. 2439

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SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on House Bill 2439 (posting suggestions and ideas on cost-efficiency on certain state agency websites, posting state budget documents on a state agency website, and a state agency website to provide information to the consumers of retail electric service) to consider and take action on the following matters:

(1) Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the committee to add text on a matter which is not included in either the house or senate version of the bill by adding the following section to the bill:

SECTION 5. Section 39.916, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i) A retail electric provider that does not purchase surplus electricity from a distributed renewable generation owner shall include on each residential customer's bill a statement, in at least 12-point type on the front of the first page, that informs the customer that the customer can get information at [www.powertochoose.com](http://www.powertochoose.com) regarding retail electric providers that do purchase surplus electricity from a distributed renewable generation owner.

Explanation: The change is necessary to require a retail electric provider to give written notice to each customer regarding the availability to the customer of a retail electric provider that purchases surplus electricity from a distributed renewable generation owner.

(2) Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the committee to add text not included in either the house or senate version of the bill to added Section 322.0081, Government Code, by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(d) The requirement under Subsection (a) does not supersede any exceptions provided under Chapter 552.

(e) The board shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section.

Explanation: This addition is necessary to clarify that added Section 322.0081(a), Government Code, does not supersede any exceptions under Chapter 552, Government Code, and to require the Legislative Budget Board to promulgate rules to implement added Section 322.0081.

(3) Senate Rule 12.03(1) is suspended to permit the committee to change text not in disagreement in added Sections 322.0081(a) and (c), Government Code, to read as follows:

(a) The board shall post on the board's Internet website documents prepared by the board that are provided to a committee, subcommittee, or conference committee of either house of the legislature in connection with an appropriations bill.

(c) The document must be downloadable and provide data in a format that allows the public to search, extract, organize, and

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analyze the information in the document.

Explanation: The change is necessary to remove text that does not add to the clear meaning of the law and to indicate that the budget document on the website is not required to be in open standard format.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on May 29, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate