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H.B. No. 1293

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of a county to regulate the connection of
3 electric service in the unincorporated area of the county.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 240, Local Government
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 240.908 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 240.908. CONNECTION OF ELECTRIC SERVICE. (a) This
8 section applies only to a structure located in the unincorporated
9 area of a county that has not previously been connected to electric
10 service.

11 (b) The commissioners court of a county by order may require
12 a person to obtain a certificate from the county that authorizes an
13 electric utility to connect a structure on the person's property
14 with electric service.

15 (c) A county shall issue a certificate under this section if
16 the person requesting the certificate provides to the county the
17 location of the person's property and the type of structure to be
18 connected with electric service. A county may not charge a fee to
19 issue the certificate.

20 (d) An electric utility may not connect a structure with
21 electric service in a county that requires the issuance of a
22 certificate under this section unless the utility receives a
23 certificate issued by the county authorizing the connection of the
24 service.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.