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H.B. No. 2826

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to telecommunications service discounts for educational institutions, libraries, hospitals, and telemedicine centers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 58.258(a), Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding the pricing flexibility authorized by this subtitle, an electing company's rates for private network services may not be increased before January 1, 2020 [~~2016~~]. However, an electing company may increase a rate in accordance with the provisions of a customer specific contract.

SECTION 2. Section 58.268, Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 58.268. CONTINUATION OF OBLIGATION. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, an electing company shall continue to comply with this subchapter until January 1, 2020 [~~2016~~], regardless of:

(1) the date the company elected under this chapter; or

(2) any action taken in relation to that company under Chapter 65.

SECTION 3. Section 59.077(a), Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding the pricing flexibility authorized by

1 this subtitle, an electing company's rates for private network
2 services may not be increased before January 1, 2020 [~~2016~~].

3 SECTION 4. Section 59.083, Utilities Code, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 59.083. CONTINUATION OF OBLIGATION. Notwithstanding
6 any other provision of this title, an electing company shall
7 continue to comply with this subchapter until January 1, 2020
8 [~~2016~~], regardless of:

9 (1) the date the company elected under this chapter;
10 or

11 (2) any action taken in relation to that company under
12 Chapter 65.

13 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.