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H.B. No. 2920

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the consideration of adequate alternatives to resolve transmission constraints.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.155, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) In evaluating strategies to resolve constraints identified in the report required by Subsection (b), the ERCOT independent system operator and the commission shall consider any proposed transmission alternatives that would enable existing or proposed generation resources located in this state but not connected to the ERCOT power region to provide power to the ERCOT grid. If such an alternative is proposed, the commission may not approve a transmission project to resolve a constraint identified in the report until the commission makes specific findings approving or rejecting the use of the proposed alternative to resolve the constraint.

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