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H.B. No. 3147

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the degree to which power generation facilities consume or adversely impact water in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.151, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d-2) to read as follows:

(d-2) The commission shall require an independent organization certified under this section to consider the extent to which facilities used to generate electricity consume or adversely impact water in this state. To the extent reasonably practical, the independent organization shall base decisions relating to dispatch of generation on the degree to which the facility consumes or adversely impacts water in this state. The commission shall require the independent organization to submit its findings and any resulting actions in the report required under Subsection (d-1)(1).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.