

By: Fraser

S.B. No. 961

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to access by members of certain electric cooperatives to meetings of the boards of directors and certain information of the electric cooperatives.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 161, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 161.0721 to read as follows:

Sec. 161.0721. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS IN CERTAIN LARGE COOPERATIVES. (a) This section applies only to an electric cooperative with more than 180,000 members that is partially located in a county with a population of more than one million and less than 1.5 million.

(b) Directors may be elected only by district. The board shall establish single-member districts from which the directors are to be elected. In establishing districts, the board shall attempt to have directors represent geographic areas with equal numbers of people.

(c) A member may vote for a director to represent a district only if the member resides in that district.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by Section 161.0721, Utilities Code, as added by this Act, apply only to a director election held on or after the effective date of this Act. A director election held before the effective date of this Act is subject to the law in effect on the date the election is held, and

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1 that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.