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H.B. No. 1125

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1125:

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C.S.H.B. No. 1125

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study on the availability of natural gas utility
3 service in certain counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "commission" means the
6 Railroad Commission of Texas.

7 SECTION 2. SCOPE OF STUDY. The commission shall conduct a
8 study on the availability of natural gas utility service in each
9 county in this state that borders the United Mexican States and has
10 a population of more than 800,000. In conducting the study, the
11 commission shall:

12 (1) identify in each county each census-designated
13 place that has a population of at least 500 and that lacks natural
14 gas utility service;

15 (2) consider the reasons for the lack of availability
16 of natural gas utility service in each census-designated place
17 identified in Subdivision (1) of this section;

18 (3) estimate the cost of expanding availability of
19 natural gas utility service in each census-designated place
20 identified in Subdivision (1) of this section; and

21 (4) study methods for making natural gas utility
22 service available throughout each county.

23 SECTION 3. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS. (a) The commission
24 shall issue a written report to the legislature, the lieutenant

1 governor, the speaker of the house, and the presiding officers of
2 the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives
3 with jurisdiction over the commission that includes the
4 commission's findings and recommendations relating to changes in
5 policies, rules, and statutes necessary to provide for or expedite
6 the extension of natural gas utility service to each county
7 described by Section 2 of this Act that lacks that service.

8 (b) The report must be issued by November 30, 2016.

9 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires December 1, 2016.

10 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
11 1, 2015.