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H.B. No. 1125

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on the availability of natural gas utility service.

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

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

SECTION 2. SCOPE OF STUDY. The commission shall conduct a study on the availability of natural gas utility service in this state. In conducting the study, the commission shall:

(1) identify each area of this state that lacks natural gas utility service;

(2) consider the reasons for the lack of availability of natural gas utility service in each area identified in Subdivision (1) of this section;

(3) estimate the cost of expanding availability of natural gas utility service in each area identified in Subdivision (1) of this section; and

(4) study methods for making natural gas utility service available throughout this state.

SECTION 3. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS. (a) The commission shall issue a written report to the legislature, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and the presiding officers of the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over the commission that includes the

1 commission's findings and recommendations relating to changes in
2 policies, rules, and statutes necessary to provide for or expedite
3 the extension of natural gas utility service to areas of this state
4 that lack that service.

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

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

7 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
8 1, 2015.