

AN ACT

relating to the period of eligibility for support from the universal service plan for certain providers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56.023(p), Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

(p) If an incumbent local exchange company or cooperative is ineligible for support under a plan established under Section 56.021(1) for services in an exchange, a plan established under Section 56.021(1) may not provide support to any other telecommunications providers for services in that exchange, except that an eligible telecommunications provider that is receiving support under Section 56.021(1)(A) in that exchange shall continue to receive such support until the later of December 31, 2017, or the second anniversary of [~~for a 24-month period following~~] the date the incumbent local exchange provider or cooperative ceases receiving support in that exchange. The support received by the eligible telecommunications provider during that [~~the 24-month~~] period shall be at the same monthly per line support level in effect for that exchange as of the date the incumbent local exchange provider or cooperative ceases receiving funding in that exchange.

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

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 804 passed the Senate on  
April 1, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 2.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 804 passed the House on  
May 1, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 99, Nays 35, two present  
not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor