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(King of Hemphill)

S.B. No. 804

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 relating to the period of eligibility for support from the
2 universal service plan for certain providers.
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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

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

7 (p) If an incumbent local exchange company or cooperative is
8 ineligible for support under a plan established under Section
9 56.021(1) for services in an exchange, a plan established under
10 Section 56.021(1) may not provide support to any other
11 telecommunications providers for services in that exchange, except
12 that an eligible telecommunications provider that is receiving
13 support under Section 56.021(1)(A) in that exchange shall continue
14 to receive such support until the later of December 31, 2017, or the
15 second anniversary of [~~for a 24-month period following~~] the date
16 the incumbent local exchange provider or cooperative ceases
17 receiving support in that exchange. The support received by the
18 eligible telecommunications provider during that [~~the 24-month~~]
19 period shall be at the same monthly per line support level in effect
20 for that exchange as of the date the incumbent local exchange
21 provider or cooperative ceases receiving funding in that exchange.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 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.