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S.B. No. 1271

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the recovery of certain expenses by an electric utility
3 in a ratemaking proceeding; adding provisions subject to a criminal
4 penalty.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 33.023, Utilities Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

8 (c) An electric utility that recovers its reasonable costs
9 of reimbursing the governing body's expenses under this section may
10 recover the costs only on a uniform, system-wide basis.

11 SECTION 2. Section 36.061, Utilities Code, is amended by
12 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

13 (b-1) Any amount approved as a cost or expense may be
14 recovered by the electric utility only on a uniform, system-wide
15 basis.

16 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
17 to a rate proceeding in which the initial hearing is held on or
18 after the effective date of this Act. A proceeding in which the
19 initial hearing is held before that date is governed by the law in
20 effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that
21 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.