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H.B. No. 1571

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the use of local government energy savings performance  
3 contracts for measures that avoid expected future operating or  
4 maintenance costs.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 302.001(3), Local Government Code, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (3) "Energy savings" means an estimated reduction in  
9 net fuel costs, energy costs, water costs, stormwater fees, other  
10 utility costs, or related net operating costs from or as compared to  
11 an established baseline of those costs, or an estimated amount of  
12 avoided expected future operating and maintenance costs. The term  
13 does not include an estimated reduction due to a decrease in energy  
14 rates that is not derived from increased conservation or reduced  
15 usage.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.