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H.B. No. 2944

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to standards used by the Public Utility Commission of  
3 Texas to evaluate proposed routes of a transmission project.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 37.056, Utilities Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

7 (e) In considering an application for a certificate for a  
8 transmission project for which alternative routes have been  
9 proposed, the commission shall include in the evaluation of each  
10 route the cost to the applicant of acquiring access to land,  
11 rights-of-way, easements, or other property.

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