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S.B. No. 572

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a feasibility study and report by the Texas Division of
Emergency Management regarding the use of United States Postal
Service employees, resources, and assets during a declared
disaster.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 418, Government Code, is
amended by adding Section 418.053 to read as follows:

Sec. 418.053. STUDY REGARDING AGREEMENT WITH UNITED STATES
POSTAL SERVICE. (a) The division shall conduct a study to examine
the feasibility of establishing an agreement with the United States
Postal Service regarding the use of employees, resources, and
assets within the postal service during a state of disaster to:

(1) identify residential or commercial structures
that have been damaged;

(2) identify persons who reside in a damaged area and
the medical or physical needs of those persons;

(3) help assess the damage to neighborhoods or
communities; and

(4) assist in any other activity that the division
determines to be necessary in responding to the disaster.

(b) Not later than November 1, 2019, the division shall:

(1) complete the study;

(2) report the results of the study to the lieutenant

1 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the
2 standing committees of the house and the senate with jurisdiction
3 over public safety matters; and

4 (3) post the results of the study on the division's
5 Internet website.

6 (c) This section expires December 31, 2021.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.