

1-1 By: Perry S.B. No. 1510
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2017; March 20, 2017, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;
1-4 April 24, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 24, 2017,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Hancock	X		
1-10	Creighton	X		
1-11	Campbell	X		
1-12	Estes	X		
1-13	Nichols	X		
1-14	Schwertner	X		
1-15	Taylor of Galveston	X		
1-16	Whitmire	X		
1-17	Zaffirini	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1510 By: Campbell

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to rates charged by certain transmission and distribution
1-22 utilities to certain places of worship.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 36, Utilities Code, is
1-25 amended by adding Section 36.010 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 36.010. RATES FOR CERTAIN PLACES OF WORSHIP.

1-27 (a) This section only applies to a transmission and distribution
1-28 utility that:

1-29 (1) on January 1, 2017, operated solely in ERCOT; and

1-30 (2) provides service to fewer than 100,000 meters.

1-31 (b) A transmission and distribution utility providing
1-32 service to a customer that is a nonprofit place of worship shall
1-33 bill the customer on a kilowatt hour basis. If the customer has
1-34 separately metered facilities, the utility shall bill each of those
1-35 facilities on a kilowatt hour basis if the facilities operate
1-36 primarily during off-peak periods.

1-37 (c) The commission shall adopt rules necessary to
1-38 administer this section.

1-39 SECTION 2. The Public Utility Commission of Texas shall
1-40 adopt rules as necessary to implement Section 36.010, Utilities
1-41 Code, as added by this Act, as soon as practicable. A transmission
1-42 and distribution utility shall modify its rates applicable to each
1-43 nonprofit place of worship in accordance with Section 36.010,
1-44 Utilities Code, as added by this Act, not later than January 1,
1-45 2018.

1-46 SECTION 3. (a) Notwithstanding any other law or agreement,
1-47 on the petition of a nonprofit place of worship, the Public Utility
1-48 Commission of Texas shall evaluate a charge for transmission or
1-49 distribution service charged by a transmission and distribution
1-50 utility to the place of worship on or after September 1, 2017, and
1-51 before January 1, 2018, to determine whether the charge complies
1-52 with Section 36.010, Utilities Code, as added by this Act.

1-53 (b) If the Public Utility Commission of Texas determines
1-54 under Subsection (a) of this section that the charge does not comply
1-55 with Section 36.010, Utilities Code, as added by this Act, the
1-56 commission:

1-57 (1) by order shall require the utility to refund to the
1-58 nonprofit place of worship money collected from the charge in
1-59 excess of the charge fixed under Section 36.010, Utilities Code, as
1-60 added by this Act; and

2-7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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