

1-1 By: Anderson, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 2422
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 25, 2019;
 1-3 April 29, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Business & Commerce; May 14, 2019, reported adversely, with
 1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8,
 1-6 Nays 0; May 14, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8				
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16			X	
1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2422 By: Nichols

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

1-21 relating to the coordination of certain broadband projects by the
 1-22 Texas Department of Transportation.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by
 1-25 adding Subchapter H-1 to read as follows:

1-26 SUBCHAPTER H-1. COORDINATION OF BROADBAND INSTALLATION

1-27 Sec. 201.671. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

1-28 (1) "Broadband" means a mass-market retail service by
 1-29 wire or radio that provides the capability to transmit data to and
 1-30 receive data from all or substantially all Internet endpoints,
 1-31 including capabilities that are incidental to and enable the
 1-32 operation of the service. The term includes a service that is
 1-33 functionally equivalent to the service described by this
 1-34 subdivision.

1-35 (2) "Broadband conduit" means a conduit, pipe,
 1-36 innerduct, or microduct for fiber-optic or other cables that
 1-37 supports broadband and wireless facilities for broadband.

1-38 Sec. 201.672. COORDINATION. (a) The department shall
 1-39 provide notice on the department's Internet website of ongoing and
 1-40 planned highway construction projects for which the department will
 1-41 provide voluntary joint trenching opportunities in the state's
 1-42 right-of-way for broadband providers. A broadband provider may
 1-43 collaborate with the department to deploy broadband conduit or
 1-44 other broadband facilities in those rights-of-way.

1-45 (b) The department shall give special consideration to
 1-46 broadband deployment described by Subsection (a) that is likely to
 1-47 improve access to broadband by rural or underserved communities.

1-48 (c) To the extent practicable, the department shall assist
 1-49 political subdivisions in taking advantage of voluntary joint
 1-50 trenching opportunities.

1-51 Sec. 201.673. REPORT. Annually, the department shall
 1-52 submit to the legislature a report that explains the actions taken
 1-53 by the department in carrying out this subchapter and identifies
 1-54 any costs or cost savings to the state and private entities
 1-55 associated with voluntary joint trenching opportunities.

1-56 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

1-57 * * * * *