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H.B. No. 131

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas  
3 to set wholesale electricity prices in the ERCOT power region  
4 during a state of disaster.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 39.160, Utilities Code, as added by S.B.  
7 3, Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, is amended  
8 by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

9 (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,  
10 during a state of disaster declared by the governor under Chapter  
11 418, Government Code, in response to an extreme weather event, the  
12 commission may not by order raise the wholesale price of electric  
13 energy sold in the ERCOT power region for the purpose of correcting  
14 the price of electric energy to match the demand for electric  
15 energy.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the  
17 last day of the legislative session.