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H.B. No. 242

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of demand response technology to reduce energy consumption in state-owned buildings.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 2166, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2166.4021 to read as follows:

Sec. 2166.4021. DEMAND RESPONSE TECHNOLOGY FOR STATE BUILDINGS. (a) The commission by rule shall adopt guidelines for the required use of demand response technology in state-owned buildings, including buildings otherwise exempt from this chapter under Section 2166.003, to reduce energy consumption for the buildings in response to energy supply constraints.

(b) The guidelines adopted under Subsection (a) must require the remote reduction of building energy consumption by at least 30 percent during:

(1) weather or energy emergencies; and

(2) peak demand days as determined by the independent organization certified under Section 39.151, Utilities Code.

SECTION 2. The Texas Facilities Commission shall adopt the guidelines required by Section 2166.4021, Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than February 1, 2022.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.