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H.B. No. 14

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the creation of the Texas Electricity Supply Chain
3 Mapping Committee.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 38, Utilities Code, is amended by adding
6 Subchapter F to read as follows:

7 SUBCHAPTER F. TEXAS ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CHAIN MAPPING COMMITTEE

8 Sec. 38.201. TEXAS ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CHAIN MAPPING
9 COMMITTEE. (a) The Texas Electricity Supply Chain Mapping
10 Committee is a committee to:

- 11 (1) map the state's electricity supply chain;
12 (2) identify critical infrastructure sources along
13 the electricity supply chain;
14 (3) make recommendations on measures to prepare
15 facilities that provide electric and gas service to maintain
16 service in an extreme weather event; and
17 (4) designate priority service needs in extreme
18 weather events.

19 (b) The committee is composed of:

- 20 (1) the executive director of the Railroad Commission
21 of Texas;
22 (2) the executive director of the commission;
23 (3) the president and chief executive office of the
24 Electric Reliability Council of Texas; and

1 (4) the chief of the Texas Division of Emergency
2 Management.

3 (c) Each member of the committee may designate a personal
4 representative from the member's organization to represent the
5 member on the committee, but that designation does not relieve the
6 member of responsibility for the acts and omissions of the
7 representative.

8 (d) The executive director of the commission shall serve as
9 chairman, and the executive director of the Railroad Commission
10 shall serve as vice-chairman of the committee.

11 Sec. 38.202. ADMINISTRATION. (a) The committee shall meet
12 not less than once each calendar quarter at a time determined by the
13 committee and at the call of the chairman.

14 (c) Each member of the committee may receive reimbursement
15 for actual and necessary expenses in carrying out committee
16 responsibilities as provided by legislative appropriations. Each
17 member who is a representative of a state entity shall be reimbursed
18 from the money budgeted to the member's state entity.

19 (d) Each entity listed in Sections 38.201(b)(1) through (4)
20 of this code that is represented on the committee shall provide
21 staff as necessary to assist the committee in carrying out its
22 responsibilities.

23 (e) The committee is subject to Chapter 2001, Government
24 Code, Chapter 551, Government Code, and Chapter 552, Government
25 Code.

26 Sec. 38.203. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEE. (a) The
27 committee shall:

1 (1) map the state's electricity supply chain in order
2 to designate priority electricity service needs in extreme weather
3 events;

4 (2) identify and designate the sources in the supply
5 chain necessary to operate critical infrastructure, as that term is
6 defined in Section 421.001, Government Code;

7 (3) develop a communication system between the
8 critical infrastructure sources, the commission, and the Electric
9 Reliability Council of Texas to ensure that electricity supply is
10 prioritized to those sources in an extreme weather event;

11 (4) make recommendations on measures to prepare
12 facilities that provide electric and gas service to maintain
13 service in an extreme weather event; and

14 (5) publish a report required by Section 38.204 of
15 this code.

16 (b) The commission shall create and maintain a database
17 identifying the critical infrastructure sources with priority
18 electricity needs during an extreme weather event. The database
19 shall be updated annually.

20 Sec. 38.204. ELECTRIC SUPPLY MAPPING REPORT. The committee
21 shall publish not later than January 1, 2022, a report to the
22 Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker, and Legislature covering the
23 activities and findings of the committee. The report must:

24 (1) provide a detailed map of the electricity supply
25 chain and identify those sources designated as necessary to operate
26 critical infrastructure;

27 (2) recommend a clear and thorough communication

1 system between the entities listed in Sections 38.201(b)(1) through
2 (4) of this code and the critical infrastructure sources to ensure
3 that electricity supply is prioritized to those sources during
4 extreme weather events.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.