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H.B. No. 2050

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to energy emergency alerts and notifications in the ERCOT power region.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 39, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 39.918 to read as follows:

Sec. 39.918. ENERGY EMERGENCY ALERTS IN ERCOT POWER REGION.

(a) The commission shall require an independent organization certified under Section 39.151 for the ERCOT power region to adopt protocols to declare:

(1) an energy emergency alert level 1 when operating reserves are less than 4,600 megawatts and are not expected to recover within 30 minutes;

(2) an energy emergency alert level 2 when operating reserves are less than 3,500 megawatts and are not expected to recover within 30 minutes; and

(3) an energy emergency alert level 3 when operating reserves are less than 2,000 megawatts and are not expected to recover within 30 minutes.

(b) As soon as possible after an energy emergency alert is declared or an alert level changes, the Texas Division of Emergency Management shall request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency issue a wireless emergency alert notifying residents of this state of the declaration or change using mobile devices.

1 SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 418, Government Code, is  
2 amended by adding Section 418.196 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 418.196. PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION RELATING TO ENERGY  
4 EMERGENCY ALERTS. (a) In this section, "state agency" means a  
5 department, commission, board, office, council, authority, or  
6 other agency in the executive branch of state government that is  
7 created by the constitution or a statute of this state, including a  
8 university system or institution of higher education as defined by  
9 Section 61.003, Education Code.

10 (b) If an independent organization certified under Section  
11 39.151, Utilities Code, for the ERCOT power region declares an  
12 energy emergency alert, each state agency shall publish a  
13 notification regarding the alert on the home page of the agency's  
14 Internet website as soon as practicable.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.