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H.B. No. 2899

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a task force to improve the reliability of electric service in this state.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The Texas Grid Task Force is established to evaluate the regulation of the provision of electric services in this state in the manner provided by this Act.

(b) The governor shall appoint the members of the Texas Grid Task Force. The membership must include:

- (1) the Texas state climatologist;
- (2) a person to represent the Railroad Commission of Texas;
- (3) a person to represent the independent organization certified under Section 39.151, Utilities Code, for the ERCOT power region;
- (4) a person to represent the Public Utility Commission of Texas;
- (5) a person to represent the Energy Systems Laboratory of the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station;
- (6) a member of the house state affairs committee;
- (7) a member of the senate state affairs committee;
- (8) a member of the house energy resources committee;
- (9) a member of the senate natural resources and economic development committee; and

1 (10) a person to represent the electric energy
2 industry.

3 (c) The Texas Grid Task Force shall examine information
4 included in and recommendations made in previous reports issued by
5 the independent organization certified under Section 39.151,
6 Utilities Code, for the ERCOT power region, the Sunset Advisory
7 Commission, the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the Federal
8 Energy Regulatory Commission, and the North American Electric
9 Reliability Corporation about improving the reliability of
10 electric service in this state, including:

11 (1) winterization of generation assets and
12 transmission and distribution facilities;

13 (2) electric energy storage capacities;

14 (3) how the relative reliability of generation sources
15 affects the calculation of the ERCOT power region reserve margin;
16 and

17 (4) the implementation of rolling blackouts and the
18 related designation of critical infrastructure.

19 (d) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Texas Grid Task
20 Force shall submit to the Public Utility Commission of Texas and to
21 the legislature recommended changes to statutes and rules to
22 improve the reliability of electric service in this state.

23 (e) Not later than April 1, 2022, the Public Utility
24 Commission of Texas shall initiate a rulemaking proceeding if
25 necessary to implement the recommendations of the Texas Grid Task
26 Force.

27 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.