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S.B. No. 243

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to energy efficiency goals for electric utilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.905, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to read as follows:

(a-1) In addition to meeting the demand goals provided by Subsection (a), each electric utility shall also meet an annual energy savings goal of:

(1) one-fourth of one percent annual energy savings in the 2022 calendar year;

(2) one-half of one percent annual energy savings in the 2023 calendar year;

(3) three-fourths of one percent annual energy savings in the 2024 calendar year; and

(4) one percent annual energy savings beginning with the 2025 calendar year.

(a-2) The commission by rule shall provide a method to establish each utility's annual savings goal under Subsection (a-1). The method must be based on the existing and expected usage of electricity delivered in a utility's service area that is required to pay the annual energy efficiency cost recovery fee. In adopting rules, the commission may provide for cost caps for the implementation of Subsection (a-1) and provide good cause exceptions for a utility that is unable to meet the goal in a

1 cost-effective manner.

2 SECTION 2. The Public Utility Commission of Texas shall
3 adopt rules to implement the changes made by this Act to Section
4 39.905, Utilities Code, not later than December 31, 2021.

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