

AN ACT

relating to the disclosure of customer information by government-operated utilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 182.054, Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 182.054. EXCEPTIONS. This subchapter does not prohibit a government-operated utility from disclosing personal information in a customer's account record to:

(1) an official or employee of the state, a political subdivision of the state, or the United States acting in an official capacity;

(2) an employee of a utility acting in connection with the employee's duties;

(3) a consumer reporting agency;

(4) a contractor or subcontractor approved by and providing services to the utility, the state, a political subdivision of the state, or the United States;

(5) a person for whom the customer has contractually waived confidentiality for personal information; ~~or~~

(6) another entity that provides water, wastewater, sewer, gas, garbage, electricity, or drainage service for compensation;

(7) another entity as necessary to facilitate the

1 transition of customers among retail electric providers under
2 Section 40.053 or to comply with rules, guidelines, and procedures
3 established by an independent organization certified under Section
4 39.151; or

5 (8) a retail electric provider, as defined by Section
6 31.002(17).

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2664 was passed by the House on April 26, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2664 was passed by the Senate on May 3, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor