

By: Paxton

S.B. No. 2444

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the security of the electricity supply chain.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter F, Chapter 38, Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. ~~[TEXAS]~~ ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY AND MAPPING  
[COMMITTEE]

SECTION 2. Section 38.201(c), Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The committee is composed of:

(1) the executive director of the commission;

(2) the executive director of the Railroad Commission of Texas;

(3) the president and the chief executive officer of the independent organization certified under Section 39.151 for the ERCOT power region; ~~and~~

(4) the public safety director of the Department of Public Safety; and

(5) the chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

SECTION 3. Subchapter F, Chapter 38, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 38.205 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.205. PHYSICAL SECURITY OF SUBSTATIONS. (a) The commission shall require each electric cooperative, municipally

1 owned utility, and transmission and distribution utility to include  
2 in the cooperative's or utility's emergency operations plan  
3 described by Section 186.007 information about the physical  
4 security of the cooperative's or utility's critical substations and  
5 contact information for each law enforcement agency with  
6 jurisdiction over the critical substations.

7 (b) The commission shall provide the Department of Public  
8 Safety with access to the information described by Subsection (a).

9 (c) Information provided to the commission or the  
10 Department of Public Safety under this section is confidential  
11 under Section 418.181, Government Code, and not subject to  
12 disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.