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H.B. No. 1584

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a list of priority facilities by electric utilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 38, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 38.0725 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.0725. LIST OF PRIORITY FACILITIES. (a) In this section, "priority facility" means:

(1) a facility listed in Section 38.072(b); or

(2) a facility for which electric service is considered crucial for the protection or maintenance of public safety, including:

(A) a hospital;

(B) a police station;

(C) a fire station;

(D) a critical water or wastewater facility; and

(E) a confinement facility operated by or under a contract with any division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

(b) An electric utility shall maintain a list of priority facilities in the utility's retail service area.

(c) An electric utility shall provide on the utility's Internet website a mechanism for a facility to request that the utility add the facility to the priority facility list. The

1 electric utility shall add the requested facility to the list only
2 if the facility is a priority facility.

3 (d) On request from a facility, an electric utility shall
4 disclose to the facility not later than the 14th day after the date
5 the utility receives the request whether the facility is on the
6 priority facility list.

7 (e) Notwithstanding any other law, on a declaration of a
8 natural disaster or other emergency by the governor affecting the
9 service area of the electric utility, the utility shall provide the
10 list of priority facilities to the Texas Division of Emergency
11 Management.

12 (f) A priority facility list submitted to the Texas Division
13 of Emergency Management under this section is confidential and not
14 subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.