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H.B. No. 1584

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the creation of a list of priority facilities by  
3 electric utilities.

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

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

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

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

10 (2) a facility for which electric service is  
11 considered crucial for the protection or maintenance of public  
12 safety.

13 (b) The commission by rule shall adopt criteria for  
14 determining whether a facility is a facility for which electric  
15 service is considered crucial for the protection or maintenance of  
16 public safety under Subsection (a)(2). The criteria must  
17 automatically include the following types of facilities:  
18 hospitals, police stations, fire stations, and critical water and  
19 wastewater facilities.

20 (c) An electric utility shall maintain a list of priority  
21 facilities in the utility's service area.

22 (d) An electric utility shall provide on the utility's  
23 Internet website a mechanism for a facility to request that the  
24 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 according to the criteria  
3 adopted by the commission under Subsection (b).

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

8 (f) On a declaration of a natural disaster or other  
9 emergency by the governor affecting the service area of the  
10 electric utility, the utility shall provide the list of priority  
11 facilities to each applicable local emergency management agency.

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