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H.B. No. 2479

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to entities that provide cable services or video services.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 66.002(2) and (10), Utilities Code, are amended to read as follows:

(2) "Cable service" is defined as set forth in 47 U.S.C. Section 522(6). The term does not include any video programming accessed via a service that enables users to access content, information, e-mail, or other services offered over the Internet, including streaming content.

(10) "Video service" means video programming services provided through wireline facilities located at least in part in the public right-of-way without regard to delivery technology, including Internet protocol technology. The term ~~[This definition]~~ does not include:

(A) any video service provided by a commercial mobile service provider as defined in 47 U.S.C. Section 332(d);

(B) direct-to-home satellite services, as defined in 47 U.S.C. Section 303(v), that are transmitted from a satellite directly to a customer's premises without using or accessing a portion of the public right-of-way; or

(C) any video programming accessed via a service that enables users to access content, information, e-mail, or other services offered over the Internet, including streaming content.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.