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H.B. No. 3293

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to rates for electric service provided to public school
3 districts and other local governmental entities in certain
4 counties.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 36, Utilities Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 36.3511 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 36.3511. DISCOUNTED RATES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS
9 AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) This
10 section applies only to a facility receiving electric service in a
11 county that is located on the international border and contains a
12 municipality with a population of 500,000 or more.

13 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, each
14 electric utility and municipally owned utility shall provide to a
15 facility of a public school district or another political
16 subdivision that is authorized to impose an ad valorem tax the same
17 discount for charges for electric service as the discount required
18 to be provided to a facility of an institution of higher education
19 under Section 36.351.

20 (c) An electric or municipally owned utility is exempt from
21 this section if the discount results in a reduction equal to more
22 than one percent of the utility's total annual revenues.

23 (d) An electric utility may not recover from residential
24 customers or any other customer class the assigned and allocated

1 costs of serving a public school district or other political
2 subdivision that receives a discount under this section.

3 (e) Each electric utility shall file tariffs with the
4 commission reflecting the discount required under this section.
5 The initial tariff filing is not a rate change for purposes of
6 Subchapter C.

7 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
8 a contract entered into on or after the effective date of this Act.
9 A contract entered into before the effective date of this Act is
10 governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective
11 date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that
12 purpose.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.