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S.B. No. 924

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to entities that provide video services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 66.002(10), Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

(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.

SECTION 2. Chapter 66, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 66.017 to read as follows:

Sec. 66.017. PRESERVATION OF CERTAIN DUTIES. (a) The enactment of Sections 66.002(10)(B) and (C) does not affect the obligation of a person who holds a state-issued certificate of

1 franchise authority on September 1, 2025, to provide the
2 compensation required under this chapter for use of a public
3 right-of-way.

4 (b) The enactment of Sections 66.002(10)(B) and (C) does not
5 affect the application of this chapter to compensation with respect
6 to services described by those sections provided before September
7 1, 2025, by a person who is involved in litigation regarding this
8 chapter on September 1, 2025.

9 SECTION 3. It is the intent of the legislature that the
10 changes in law made by this Act do not affect the existing right of a
11 municipality to bring an action against a holder or non-holder of a
12 state-issued certificate of franchise authority in a court of
13 competent jurisdiction under Chapter 66, Utilities Code.

14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.