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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

- 2 relating to the installation and repair of critical electric grid
- 3 equipment purchased from certain companies and nonprofit
- 4 organizations.

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- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Section 39.360, Utilities Code, as added by
- 7 Chapter 464 (S.B. 2013), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular
- 8 Session, 2023, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), (c),
- 9 (d), and (e) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:
- 10 (a) In this section, "company" and "critical
- 11 infrastructure" have the meanings assigned by Section 117.001
- 12 [113.001], Business & Commerce Code[, as added by Chapter 975 (S.B.
- 13 2116), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021].
- 14 (b) An independent organization certified under Section
- 15 39.151 may not register a business entity or maintain the
- 16 registration of a business entity to operate in the power region for
- 17 which the independent organization is certified unless the business
- 18 entity attests that the entity complies with Chapter 117 [113],
- 19 Business & Commerce Code[, as added by Chapter 975 (S.B. 2116), Acts
- 20 of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021].
- 21 (b-1) The commission by rule shall prohibit:
- 22 (1) the installation in or on an interconnected
- 23 facility in the ERCOT power region after December 31, 2025, by a
- 24 business entity of any critical electric grid equipment purchased

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- 1 from a company described by Section 117.002(a)(2), Business &
- 2 Commerce Code, a nonprofit organization organized under the laws of
- 3 China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia, or a nonprofit organization
- 4 organized under the laws of a country designated under Section
- 5 117.003, Business & Commerce Code; and
- 6 (2) except in an emergency, the repair after December
- 7 31, 2025, of critical electric grid equipment interconnected in the
- 8 ERCOT power region using critical electric grid equipment purchased
- 9 from a company described by Section 117.002(a)(2), Business &
- 10 Commerce Code, a nonprofit organization organized under the laws of
- 11 China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia, or a nonprofit organization
- 12 organized under the laws of a country designated under Section
- 13 <u>117.003</u>, Business & Commerce Code.
- 14 (c) An independent organization certified under Section
- 15 39.151 shall require as a condition of operating in the power region
- 16 for which the independent organization is certified that a business
- 17 entity report to the independent organization the purchase of any
- 18 critical electric grid equipment or service from a company
- 19 described by Section $\frac{117.002(a)(2)}{(a)(2)}$ [$\frac{113.002(a)(2)}{(a)(2)}$], Business &
- 20 Commerce Code, a nonprofit organization organized under the laws of
- 21 China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia, or a nonprofit organization
- 22 organized under the laws of a country designated under Section
- 23 117.003, Business & Commerce Code [, as added by Chapter 975 (S.B.
- 24 2116), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021].
- 25 (d) For each purchase reported by a business entity under
- 26 Subsection (c), the business entity shall submit an attestation to
- 27 the independent organization that the purchase will not result in:

- 1 (1) access to or control of its critical electric grid
- 2 equipment by the [a] company or nonprofit organization [described
- 3 by Section 113.002(a)(2), Business & Commerce Code, as added by
- 4 Chapter 975 (S.B. 2116), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular
- 5 Session, 2021], excluding access specifically allowed by the
- 6 business entity for product warranty and support purposes; or
- 7 (2) conduct prohibited by the commission under
- 8 Subsection (b-1).
- 9 (e) Notwithstanding any other law, an independent
- 10 organization certified under Section 39.151 may immediately
- 11 suspend or terminate a company's registration or access to any of
- 12 the independent organization's systems if the independent
- 13 organization has a reasonable suspicion that the company meets any
- 14 of the criteria described by Section 2275.0102(a)(2)
- 15 $\left[\frac{2274.0102(a)(2)}{2}\right]$, Government Code $\left[\frac{1}{2}\right]$ as added by Chapter 975 (S.B.
- 16 2116), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021].
- 17 SECTION 2. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
- 18 over another Act of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025,
- 19 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
- 20 codes.
- 21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 25 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.