BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law requires utility companies to submit weekly lists of new electric service connections in an unincorporated area of the county to the county judge, who must then forward the information to a local governmental entity. However, the information is currently not available to emergency communication districts or appraisal districts. H.B. 1588 would require a county judge to forward the list of all the addresses that have established new electric service to each appraisal district and each emergency communication district in the county.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1588 provides notification of utility service connections to appraisal and emergency communication districts.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 366.005, Health and Safety Code, by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e), to require a county judge to forward the list compiled under Subsection (a) to each appraisal district and each emergency communication district in the county. Defines "appraisal district" and "emergency communication district."

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.