

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, a retail electric provider (REP) is required to register with a municipality as a condition of providing retail electric service to residents of the municipality and the municipality is authorized to charge a reasonable fee for registration. This has created numerous municipal registration and fee requirements for REPs. As proposed, H.B. 1369 requires the Public Utility Commission to adopt standard municipal registration requirements for REPs.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Public Utility Commission in SECTION 1 (Section 17.051, Utilities Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 17.051, Utilities Code, by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c), as follows:

(b) Requires the rules adopted under Subsections (a) and (c) to be consistent with and no less effective than federal law and prohibits the disclosure of highly sensitive competitive or trade secret information.

(c) Requires the Public Utility Commission to adopt rules governing the local registration of retail electric providers under Section 39.358.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.