

1-1 By: Hancock S.B. No. 1002  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 22, 2017; March 6, 2017,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;  
1-4 March 22, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 22, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Hancock	X		
1-9	Creighton	X		
1-10	Campbell		X	
1-11	Estes	X		
1-12	Nichols	X		
1-13	Schwertner	X		
1-14	Taylor of Galveston	X		
1-15	Whitmire	X		
1-16	Zaffirini	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to accounting principles applicable to pension and other  
1-20 postemployment benefit expenses for electric utilities.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 36.065(b), Utilities Code, is amended to  
1-23 read as follows:

1-24 (b) ~~An [Effective January 1, 2005, an]~~ electric utility may  
1-25 establish one or more reserve accounts for expenses for pension and  
1-26 other postemployment benefits. An electric utility shall  
1-27 periodically record in the reserve account any difference between:

1-28 (1) the annual amount of pension and other  
1-29 postemployment benefits approved as an ~~[operating]~~ expense in the  
1-30 electric utility's last general rate proceeding or, if that amount  
1-31 cannot be determined from the regulatory authority's order, the  
1-32 amount recorded for pension and other postemployment benefits under  
1-33 generally accepted accounting principles during the first year that  
1-34 rates from the electric utility's last general rate proceeding are  
1-35 in effect; and

1-36 (2) the annual amount of pension and other  
1-37 postemployment benefits as determined by actuarial or other similar  
1-38 studies that are chargeable to the electric utility's ~~[operating]~~  
1-39 expense.

1-40 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-41 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-42 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-43 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-44 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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