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S.B. No. 548

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to liability of certain electric utilities that allow certain uses of land that the electric utility owns, occupies, or leases.

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

SECTION 1. Section 75.0022(b), Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) This section applies only to an electric utility located in:

(1) a county with a population of four million or more;

or

(2) a county with a population of 550,000 or more that is adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (1).

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a cause of action that accrues on or after the effective date of this Act. A cause of action that accrues before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.