By: Stephenson, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Kolkhorst) H.B. No. 1166 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2017; May 10, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Business 1-1 1-2 1-3 & Commerce; May 21, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 21, 2017, sent to printer.) 1-4 1-5

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE 1-7 Yea Nav Absent PNV 1-8 Hancock Х 1-9 Creighton Х 1-10 1-11 Campbell Х Estes χ 1-12 Nichols Х 1-13 Schwertner Х Taylor of Galveston 1-14 Χ 1**-**15 1**-**16 Whitmire Zaffirini Х

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 1-19 1-20 1-21 leases.

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

1-22 1-23 SECTION 1. Section 75.0022(b), Civil Practice and Remedies 1-24 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-25 (b) This section applies only to an electric utility located 1-26 in:

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

a county with a population of 550,000 or more that (2)

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 1-31 1-32 1-33 1-34 of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that 1-35 date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-36 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 1-37 1-38 1-39 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017. 1-40

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