## Chapter 22

S.B. No. 804

1 <u>AN ACT</u>

2 relating to the period of eligibility for support from the

3 universal service plan for certain providers.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 56.023(p), Utilities Code, is amended to

read as follows:

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7 (p) If an incumbent local exchange company or cooperative is

ineligible for support under a plan established under Section

9 56.021(1) for services in an exchange, a plan established under

10 Section 56.021(1) may not provide support to any other

11 telecommunications providers for services in that exchange, except

12 that an eligible telecommunications provider that is receiving

13 support under Section 56.021(1)(A) in that exchange shall continue

14 to receive such support until the later of December 31, 2017, or the

15 <u>second anniversary of [for a 24-month period following</u>] the date

16 the incumbent local exchange provider or cooperative ceases

17 receiving support in that exchange. The support received by the

18 eligible telecommunications provider during that [the 24-month]

19 period shall be at the same monthly per line support level in effect

20 for that exchange as of the date the incumbent local exchange

21 provider or cooperative ceases receiving funding in that exchange.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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Speaker of the House the Senate

certify that S.B. No. 804 passed the Senate on April 1, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 2.\_

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 804 passed the House on May 1, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 99, Nays 35, two present

not voting.\_\_

Approved:

Secretary of State

# LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

## FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

### March 23, 2015

**TO:** Honorable Troy Fraser, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** SB804 by Seliger (Relating to the period of eligibility for support from the universal service plan for certain providers.), As Introduced

### No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This bill would amend the Utilities Code relating to the period of eligibility for support from the universal service plan for certain providers. Based on information provided by the Public Utility Commission and Office of Public Utility Counsel, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

#### **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas, 475 Office of Public Utility

Counsel

LBB Staff: UP, SZ, NV, JLi