

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, under Texas law, an electric utility serving an unincorporated portion of a county is required to compile a weekly list of new utility connections in the unincorporated area and provide the list directly to the county judge. This bill allows a county judge to personally accept each notice or designate a county officer or employee as the person responsible for receipt and processing of the weekly notices.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 144 adds additional people to whom an electric utility may submit the required notice of new utility service connections.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 366.005(a), Health and Safety Code, to add a county officer or employee designated by the county judge to whom an electric utility may submit the notice of new utility service connections.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.