

HB 662 -- RELOCATION OF COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE

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This bill prohibits a political subdivision from requiring the removal or relocation of telecommunication infrastructure owned by a communication service provider unless the subdivision agrees to pay the owner reasonable costs of compliance with the subdivision's request or retains a contractor who has worked with the owner in the past and is in good standing with the owner. Within 10 days of the request, the owner must provide the subdivision with a list of contractors who have been used within the last two years and are in good standing with the owner. A bid is not required to choose a contractor from this list. Prior to retaining a contractor from this list, the owner and contractor must coordinate the details of the removal. The bill prohibits a political subdivision from raising fees for right-of-way management cost control to offset the costs of infrastructure removal.

This section does not apply:

- (1) To the costs of removal when the infrastructure has been determined to be a clear and present danger to public health or safety; and
- (2) If the owner and subdivision have entered into a franchise agreement governing the removal of infrastructure.