

1-1 By: Metcalf (Senate Sponsor - Springer) H.B. No. 1484
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 19, 2021;
 1-3 May 6, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
 1-4 Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 13, 2021, reported favorably by
 1-5 the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 13, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to rates applied to certain water or sewer systems after a
 1-20 sale or purchase of the system.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 13, Water Code, is amended
 1-23 by adding Section 13.3011 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 13.3011. INITIAL RATES FOR CERTAIN WATER OR SEWER
 1-25 SYSTEMS AFTER PURCHASE OR ACQUISITION. (a) A person who files an
 1-26 application described by Section 13.301(a) for the purchase or
 1-27 acquisition of a water or sewer system may request that the
 1-28 regulatory authority with original jurisdiction over the rates for
 1-29 water or sewer service provided by the person to the customers of
 1-30 the system authorize the person to charge initial rates for the
 1-31 service that are:

1-32 (1) shown in a tariff filed with a regulatory
 1-33 authority by the person for another water or sewer system; and

1-34 (2) in force for the other water or sewer system on the
 1-35 date the application described by Section 13.301(a) is filed.

1-36 (b) The regulatory authority may not require a person who
 1-37 makes a request under Subsection (a) to initiate a new rate
 1-38 proceeding to establish the initial rates for service the person
 1-39 will provide to the customers of the purchased or acquired system.

1-40 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-41 to a purchase or acquisition of a water or sewer system the
 1-42 application for which is filed under Section 13.301(a), Water Code,
 1-43 on or after the effective date of this Act. A purchase or
 1-44 acquisition of a water or sewer system the application for which is
 1-45 filed under Section 13.301(a), Water Code, before the effective
 1-46 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
 1-47 application was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for
 1-48 that purpose.

1-49 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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