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H.B. No. 2148

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to notice of contamination of a public water supply to
3 certain water providers by the Texas Commission on Environmental
4 Quality.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 26, Water Code, is amended
7 by adding Section 26.0395 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 26.0395. NOTIFICATION OF CONTAMINATION THREATENING
9 CERTAIN PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS. As soon as possible after the
10 commission detects or becomes aware of contamination of water that
11 is a source for a public water supply and not later than the time the
12 commission notifies the news media of the contamination, the
13 commission shall give notice of the contamination to the owner or
14 operator of each public water supply system that may be affected by
15 the contamination.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.