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H.B. No. 2717

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain requirements for water systems.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 341, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 341.043 to read as follows:

Sec. 341.043. BOIL WATER NOTICES. (a) The operator of a public drinking water supply system, when required by commission rule to issue a boil water notice to its customers, shall:

(1) provide the notice in writing to each customer as prescribed by commission rule to the street address of the customer; and

(2) attempt to reach each customer by electronic means to provide notice as prescribed by commission rule.

(b) When a boil water notice is no longer in effect, the operator of a public drinking water supply system shall notify each customer that the boil water notice has expired in the manner described by Subsection (a).

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 186, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 186.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 186.008. WEATHERIZATION. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality may require that a public utility that furnishes water to the public complete a program of weatherization if that commission finds that the public utility is at risk of being unable to provide water to customers for a significant period of

1 time due to weather-related failures in equipment or  
2 infrastructure.

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