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S.B. No. 1289

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disposal of reclaimed wastewater.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 26, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 26.02715 to read as follows:

Sec. 26.02715. DISPOSAL OF RECLAIMED WASTEWATER TO WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM. (a) A wastewater treatment facility or reclaimed water production facility that treats domestic wastewater for reuse may dispose of the treated wastewater without a permit for an alternative means of disposal if the facility:

(1) disposes of the treated wastewater through a wastewater collection system; and

(2) has the consent of the operator of:

(A) the wastewater collection system that will receive the treated wastewater; and

(B) any wastewater treatment facility that will further treat the treated wastewater.

(b) The owner of a reclaimed water production facility that meets the requirements of Subsection (a) may not be required to be the owner of an associated domestic wastewater treatment facility that is permitted by the commission.

(c) The commission shall adopt rules to implement and enforce this section.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date

1 of this Act, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall
2 adopt the rules required by Section 26.02715, Water Code, as added
3 by this Act.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.