S.B. No. 1778 1-1 By: Alvarado (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2023; March 20, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural 1**-**2 1**-**3 Affairs; April 17, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 17, 2023, sent to printer.) 1-4 1-5 1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE 1 - 7Yea Nav Absent PNV 1-8 Perry 1-9 X Hancock 1-10 1-11 Blanco Flores 1-12 <u>Gutierre</u>z X 1-13 Johnson Χ Kolkhorst 1-14 1**-**15 1**-**16 Sparks Springer 1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1-18 AN ACT 1-19 relating to the process for initiating, transferring, or 1-20 terminating water or sewer service. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 13, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 13.152 to read as follows: 1-21 1-22 1-23 1-24 Sec. 13.152. INITIATION, TRANSFER, OR TERMINATION OF SERVICE. A retail public utility may initiate, transfer, or terminate a customer's retail water or sewer service on receipt of a customer request by mail, by telephone, through an Internet website, or through another electronic transmission.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023. 1-25 1-26 1-27 1-28

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