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H.B. No. 1418

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to notification of the state representatives and state
3 senators of a proceeding to impose on a county with a population of
4 less than 75,000 a penalty or fine for an alleged environmental
5 violation.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 7, Water Code, is amended
8 by adding Section 7.0551 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 7.0551. NOTICE TO STATE SENATORS AND STATE
10 REPRESENTATIVES. If the executive director is required under
11 Section 7.055 to give written notice of a report of a violation for
12 an alleged violation by a county with a population of less than
13 75,000, the executive director shall give the same written notice
14 to the state senators and the state representatives for the
15 districts in which the county is located.

16 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 7, Water Code, is amended
17 by adding Section 7.1065 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 7.1065. NOTICE TO STATE SENATORS AND STATE
19 REPRESENTATIVES. If a civil suit is filed under Section 7.105 to
20 recover a penalty for an alleged violation by a county with a
21 population of less than 75,000, the executive director, not later
22 than the 10th day after the date the suit is filed, shall give
23 written notice of the suit and of the relief or penalty sought to
24 the state senators and the state representatives for the districts

1 in which the county is located.

2 SECTION 3. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

3 (b) The changes in law made by Sections 7.0551 and 7.1065,
4 Water Code, as added by this Act, apply only to:

5 (1) a violation for which a report of a violation is
6 issued under Section 7.054, Water Code, on or after September 1,
7 2003; and

8 (2) a suit to recover a civil penalty under Section
9 7.105, Water Code, that is instituted on or after September 1, 2003.