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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to the authority of a municipality to enforce water conservation and drought ordinances.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 402, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 402.106 to read as follows:

Sec. 402.106. ENFORCEMENT OF WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT ORDINANCES. (a) A municipality with a population of more than 1,000 may impose a fine for the violation of a water conservation or drought ordinance by including the amount of the fine in the monthly water bill issued by the municipality if a schedule of fines is clearly displayed on the monthly bill.

(b) A customer may appeal a fine imposed as provided by this section to municipal court.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.