

By: Leibowitz

H.B. No. 2445

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2445:

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C.S.H.B. No. 2445

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to service by water and sewer utilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13.137, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) A business location of a district created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, that includes a portion of the San Antonio River watershed and is located in a county with a population of more than one million must, at a minimum, remain open during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding national and state holidays.

SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 13, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 13.146 to read as follows:

Sec. 13.146. DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE. (a) This section applies only to a district created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, that includes a portion of the San Antonio River watershed and is located in a county with a population of more than one million.

(b) A district may not disconnect service of a customer for late payment before the 31st day after the date the district notifies the customer of the overdue payment.

(c) After a disconnection caused by the customer's late payment, a district may not charge a customer a fee for restoring or reinstalling service that exceeds \$25 or twice the amount of the

1 late payment owed, whichever is less.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.