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S.B. No. 297

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to the rates charged by a municipally owned utility to certain recreational vehicle parks for potable water or wastewater service.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 13, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 13.087 to read as follows:

Sec. 13.087. MUNICIPAL RATES FOR CERTAIN RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Nonsubmetered master metered utility service" means potable water service that is master metered but not submetered and wastewater service that is based on master metered potable water service.

(2) "Recreational vehicle" includes a:

(A) "house trailer" as that term is defined by Section 501.002, Transportation Code; and

(B) "towable recreational vehicle" as that term is defined by Section 541.201, Transportation Code.

(3) "Recreational vehicle park" means a commercial property on which service connections are made for recreational vehicle transient guest use and for which fees are paid at intervals of one day or longer.

(b) A municipally owned utility that provides nonsubmetered master metered utility service to a recreational vehicle park shall

1 determine the rates for that service on the same basis the utility
2 uses to determine the rates for other commercial businesses,
3 including hotels and motels, that serve transient customers and
4 receive nonsubmetered master metered utility service from the
5 utility.

6 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,
7 the commission has jurisdiction to enforce this section.

8 SECTION 2. This Act applies to potable water or wastewater
9 service provided on or after the effective date of this Act.
10 Potable water or wastewater service provided before the effective
11 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
12 service was provided, and that law is continued in effect for that
13 purpose.

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