

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirement for water district consent to certain actions by municipalities that provide law enforcement or fire protection services.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 49, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 49.237 to read as follows:

Sec. 49.237. DISTRICT CONSENT REQUIREMENT. (a) This section applies only to a district that:

(1) provides potable water or sewer service;

(2) contracts for or employs peace officers;

(3) maintains a fire department;

(4) has within its boundaries:

(A) a private airport with a runway exceeding 5,900 feet in length; and

(B) a hotel; and

(5) is located in two counties.

(b) The area within a district described by Subsection (a) may not be included without the consent of the district in the boundaries of a municipality that provides law enforcement or fire protection services.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.