

1-1 By: Fraser S.B. No. 1747
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2005; March 30, 2005, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce;
1-4 April 11, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
1-5 Nays 0; April 11, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the interest rate to be paid on utility deposits.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 183.003, Utilities Code, is amended by
1-11 amending Subsection (b) and deleting Subsection (c) to read as
1-12 follows:

1-13 (b) The commission shall [~~may not~~] set the rate at an amount
1-14 that equals [~~exceeds the lesser of:~~

1-15 [~~(1) 85 percent of~~] the average rate paid over the
1-16 previous 12-month period on United States treasury bills with a

1-17 26-week [~~12 month~~] maturity [~~date, or~~

1-18 [~~(2) 12 percent~~].

1-19 [~~(c) The commission may not set the rate at an amount that is~~
1-20 ~~less than six percent.~~]

1-21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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