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H.B. No. 1254

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to environmental permitting fees and electronic reporting.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5.128(a), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission shall encourage the use of electronic reporting through the Internet, to the extent practicable, for reports required by the commission. Notwithstanding any other law, the commission may adjust fees as necessary to encourage electronic reporting and the use of the commission's electronic document receiving system. An electronic report must be submitted in a format prescribed by the commission. The commission may consult with the Department of Information Resources on developing a simple format for use in implementing this subsection.

(b) The commission shall strive to reduce duplication in reporting requirements throughout the agency.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.