

1-1 By: Bonnen (Senate Sponsor - Averitt) H.B. No. 1254
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 10, 2007;
1-3 April 11, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Natural Resources; May 18, 2007, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 18, 2007, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to environmental permitting fees and electronic
1-9 reporting.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 5.128(a), Water Code, is amended to read
1-12 as follows:

1-13 (a) The commission shall encourage the use of electronic
1-14 reporting through the Internet, to the extent practicable, for
1-15 reports required by the commission. Notwithstanding any other law,
1-16 the commission may adjust fees as necessary to encourage electronic
1-17 reporting and the use of the commission's electronic document
1-18 receiving system. An electronic report must be submitted in a
1-19 format prescribed by the commission. The commission may consult
1-20 with the Department of Information Resources on developing a simple
1-21 format for use in implementing this subsection.

1-22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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