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H.B. No. 2891

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of certain counties to select the lowest-cost provider of water supply and sewer services.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 412, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 412.017 to read as follows:

Sec. 412.017. COUNTY CHOICE OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWER SERVICE UTILITY. (a) This section applies only to a county contracting for water supply and sewer services for a county-owned building that is located:

(1) within the service area of a water supply corporation that has, for that area, a certificate of convenience and necessity issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; and

(2) within the boundaries of a municipality that provides water supply and sewer services to its service areas under the municipality's certificates of convenience and necessity issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

(b) The commissioners court of the county may determine whether the water supply corporation or the municipality can reliably provide water supply and sewer services to the county building at the lowest cost to the county. The commissioners court may contract with the lowest-cost provider to provide those services to the building.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.