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H.B. No. 2892

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to consolidated billing and collection of fees and  
3 payments of certain sewer service corporations and water supply  
4 corporations.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 13, Water Code, is amended  
7 by adding Section 13.146 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 13.146. CONSOLIDATED BILLING AND COLLECTION  
9 CONTRACTS. (a) A water service corporation by contract with a  
10 sewer supply corporation may bill and collect the sewer service  
11 corporation's fees and payments as part of a consolidated process  
12 with the billing and collection of the water supply corporation's  
13 fees and payments. The water supply corporation may provide that  
14 service only for customers who are served by both corporations in an  
15 area covered by both corporations' certificates of public  
16 convenience and necessity.

17 (b) A contract under this section must provide procedures  
18 and deadlines for submitting billing and customer information to  
19 the water supply corporation and for the delivery of collected fees  
20 and payments to the sewer service corporation.

21 (c) A water supply corporation that provides consolidated  
22 billing and collection of fees and payments may terminate the water  
23 services of a person whose sewage services account is in arrears for  
24 nonpayment. A water supply corporation may charge a customer a

1 reconnection fee if the customer's water service is terminated for  
2 nonpayment of the customer's sewage services account.

3 (d) A water supply corporation that provides consolidated  
4 billing and collection of fees and payments may impose on each sewer  
5 supply corporation customer a reasonable fee to recover costs  
6 associated with providing consolidated billing and collection of  
7 fees and payments for sewage services.

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