

By: Gallego

H.B. No. 3475

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of certain counties to acquire,  
3 construct, or operate a water supply system or sewage system and own  
4 or operate a utility.

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

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

8 Sec. 412.017. WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE SYSTEM FOR CERTAIN  
9 BORDER COUNTIES. (a) This section applies only to a county:

10 (1) that is located adjacent to an international  
11 border; and

12 (2) in which a military installation is located.

13 (b) The commissioners court of a county to which this  
14 section applies may acquire, construct, or operate a water supply  
15 system or sewage system to serve unincorporated areas of the  
16 county.

17 (c) The county may enter a management or lease agreement  
18 with another public or private entity for the operation of a county  
19 water or sewage system acquired or constructed under this section.

20 (d) The county may apply for and receive grants or other  
21 assistance from a state or federal governmental entity to implement  
22 this section.

23 (e) The county may own, operate, or maintain a water or  
24 sewer utility in the same manner as a municipality under Chapter

1 402.

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