

By: Puente

H.B. No. 3644

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3644:

By: King of Parker

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to designation of certain customer bill payment assistance
3 program costs as an expense of operation that is a first lien
4 against revenue securing certain public securities or obligations.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 1502.056(a), Government Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (a) If the revenue of a utility system, park, or swimming
9 pool secures the payment of public securities issued or obligations
10 incurred under this chapter, each expense of operation and
11 maintenance, including all salaries, labor, materials, interest,
12 repairs and extensions necessary to provide efficient service, and
13 each proper item of expense, is a first lien against that revenue.
14 For a municipality with a population of more than one million, the
15 first lien against the revenue of a municipally owned electric or
16 gas utility system that secures the payment of public securities
17 issued or obligations incurred under this chapter also applies to
18 funding, as a necessary operations expense, for a bill payment
19 assistance program for utility system customers who have been
20 threatened with disconnection from service for nonpayment of bills
21 and who have been determined by the municipality to be low-income
22 customers.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.