

1-1 By: Van de Putte S.B. No. 1430  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2007; March 20, 2007, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce;  
1-4 April 12, 2007, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 12, 2007,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1430 By: Watson

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to designation of certain customer bill payment assistance  
1-11 program costs as an expense of operation that is a first lien  
1-12 against revenue securing certain public securities or obligations.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 1502.056, Government  
1-15 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-16 (a) If the revenue of a utility system, park, or swimming  
1-17 pool secures the payment of public securities issued or obligations  
1-18 incurred under this chapter, each expense of operation and  
1-19 maintenance, including all salaries, labor, materials, interest,  
1-20 repairs and extensions necessary to provide efficient service, and  
1-21 each proper item of expense, is a first lien against that revenue.  
1-22 For a municipality with a population of more than one million, the  
1-23 first lien against the revenue of a municipally owned electric or  
1-24 gas utility system that secures the payment of public securities  
1-25 issued or obligations incurred under this chapter also applies to  
1-26 funding, as a necessary operations expense, for a bill payment  
1-27 assistance program for utility system customers who have been  
1-28 threatened with disconnection from service for nonpayment of bills  
1-29 and who have been determined by the municipality to be low-income  
1-30 customers.

1-31 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-32 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-33 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-34 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-35 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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