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S.B. No. 1047

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the procurement methods authorized for public projects  
3 by a combined municipally owned electric, water, and wastewater  
4 utility situated in an economically distressed area within 30 miles  
5 of the Lower Texas Gulf Coast.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 271.182, Local Government Code, is  
8 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

9 (c) This subchapter applies to a municipally owned combined  
10 electric, water, and wastewater utility situated in an economically  
11 distressed area and located within 30 miles of the Lower Texas Gulf  
12 Coast. For this subchapter, "combined" means that the utilities  
13 are managed and controlled by one board whose members are appointed  
14 by the governing body of the municipality and that the financing of  
15 capital improvements is secured from the revenues of all three  
16 utilities.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
18 a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house, as  
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.