1-1 By: Lucio

1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 20, 2009; March 13, 2009, 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on International 1-4 Relations and Trade; March 25, 2009, reported favorably by the 1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; March 25, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1-8 relating to the procurement methods authorized for public projects 1-9 by a combined municipally owned electric, water, and wastewater 1-10 utility situated in an economically distressed area within 30 miles 1-11 of the Lower Texas Gulf Coast.

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

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

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

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

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