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S.B. No. 2126

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of owners and managers of apartment  
3 houses to assess a service charge for the submetering of water and  
4 wastewater services.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subsections (c) and (d), Section 13.503, Water  
7 Code, are amended to read as follows:

8 (c) In addition to the charges permitted under Subsection  
9 (b), the rules shall authorize the owner or manager of a  
10 manufactured home rental community or apartment house [~~owner or~~  
11 ~~manager~~] to impose a service charge of not more than nine percent of  
12 the costs related to submetering allocated to each submetered  
13 rental or dwelling unit.

14 (d) For purposes of Subsection (c), "costs related to  
15 submetering" means water costs as well as any other applicable  
16 taxes and surcharges that are charged by the retail public utility  
17 to the owner or manager of a manufactured home rental community or  
18 apartment house [~~owner or manager~~].

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.