

1-1 By: Estes S.B. No. 2126
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2009; March 31, 2009, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources;
1-4 April 20, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; April 20, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the authority of owners and managers of apartment
1-9 houses to assess a service charge for the submetering of water and
1-10 wastewater services.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subsections (c) and (d), Section 13.503, Water
1-13 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-14 (c) In addition to the charges permitted under Subsection
1-15 (b), the rules shall authorize the owner or manager of a
1-16 manufactured home rental community or apartment house ~~[owner or~~
1-17 ~~manager]~~ to impose a service charge of not more than nine percent of
1-18 the costs related to submetering allocated to each submetered
1-19 rental or dwelling unit.

1-20 (d) For purposes of Subsection (c), "costs related to
1-21 submetering" means water costs as well as any other applicable
1-22 taxes and surcharges that are charged by the retail public utility
1-23 to the owner or manager of a manufactured home rental community or
1-24 apartment house ~~[owner or manager]~~.

1-25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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