

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Recreational vehicle (RV) park and campground owners in Texas are experiencing a disparity in the water and wastewater rates they pay relative to rates charged to similar commercial entities within their communities. While some water rates are regulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), in other instances water and wastewater rates are set by cities or by various water utilities or districts. A problem occurs when these entities view RV parks as an entity other than a commercial entity in applying water and wastewater rates.

S.B. 569 amends current law relating to the rates charged by certain conservation and reclamation districts for potable water or wastewater service to recreational vehicle parks.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 49.2122, Water Code, by adding Subsection (a-1), to require a district that provides nonsubmetered master meter utility service, as defined by Section 13.087(a)(1) (defining "nonsubmetered master metered utility service"), to a recreational vehicle park, as defined by Section 13.087(a)(3) (defining "recreational vehicle park"), to, notwithstanding Subsection (a) (relating to charges, fees, rentals, or deposits, among classes of customers), determine the rates for that service on the same basis the district uses to determine the rates for other commercial businesses that serve transient customers and receive nonsubmetered master metered utility service from the district.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2011.