

Amend SB 567 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter G, Chapter 13, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 13.2552 to read as follows:

Sec. 13.2552. SINGLE CERTIFICATION IN POPULOUS MUNICIPALITIES. (a) This section applies only to:

(1) a retail public utility that:

(A) provides service in a municipality with a population of more than two million;

(B) provides service in more than 50 counties in this state; and

(C) obtains water from more than 500 source wells in this state; and

(2) a municipality with a population of more than two million.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, a municipality and a retail public utility that provides water or sewer service in the municipality under a certificate of convenience and necessity shall agree in writing that the utility's service area in the municipality shall be served only by a municipally owned utility and that the municipality shall purchase from the retail public utility:

(1) the certificate of convenience and necessity for the area in the municipality;

(2) the property of the retail public utility; and

(3) any property of the retail public utility that is rendered useless or valueless as a result of the transfer of the certificate.

(c) The minimum monetary compensation the municipality shall pay shall be determined in the manner provided by Sections 13.254(e)-(g-1). The municipality shall pay the compensation over a period of 50 years.

(d) The municipality, before providing service to the area, shall file an application with the commission to grant single certification to the municipally owned utility.

(e) The executed agreement described by Subsection (b)

shall be filed with the commission, and the commission, on receipt of the agreement and the application described by Subsection (d), shall:

(1) incorporate the terms of the agreement into the respective certificates of convenience and necessity of the parties to the agreement; and

(2) grant single certification to the municipality.

(f) The commission shall deny an application for single certification by a municipality that fails to demonstrate compliance with the commission's minimum requirements for public drinking water systems.