

Amend SB 1430 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter B, Chapter 2267, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2267.0595 to read as follows:

Sec. 2267.0595. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS.

(a) This section applies to a project to treat brackish groundwater to drinking water standards proposed or constructed under this chapter by a water utility owned by a municipality that:

(1) has a population of more than 1.3 million and is not included in the territory of a subsidence district; or

(2) has a population of more than 300,000 located on the Gulf of Mexico and is not included in the territory of a subsidence district.

(b) A permit issued or renewed for a project described by Subsection (a) must:

(1) allow permitted withdrawals and rates of withdrawal of brackish groundwater that are consistent with the design capacity and projected output of the desalination facility; and

(2) provide for a permit term consistent with minimizing financing costs under commercially available financing terms for a desalination facility.

SECTION _____. Subchapter B, Chapter 252, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 252.025 to read as follows:

Sec. 252.025. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS.

(a) This section applies to a project to treat brackish groundwater to drinking water standards proposed or constructed under this chapter by a water utility owned by a municipality that:

(1) has a population of more than 1.3 million and is not included in the territory of a subsidence district; or

(2) has a population of more than 300,000 located on the Gulf of Mexico and is not included in the territory of a subsidence district.

(b) A permit issued or renewed for a project described by Subsection (a) must:

(1) allow permitted withdrawals and rates of

withdrawal of brackish groundwater that are consistent with the design capacity and projected output of the desalination facility;
and

(2) provide for a permit term consistent with minimizing financing costs under commercially available financing terms for a desalination facility.