

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 693  
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Natural Resources  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Under current law, a utility may choose to collect as part of its billing process a voluntary contribution on behalf of a volunteer fire department or an emergency medical service. H.B. 693 seeks to add a local library to the entities for which a utility may collect a voluntary contribution.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 693 amends the Water Code to add a local library to the entities on behalf of which a water and sewer utility is authorized to implement as part of its billing process a program to collect from its customers a voluntary contribution.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2013.