

AN ACT

relating to water shortage reporting by water utilities and providers of wholesale water service.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 13, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 13.148 to read as follows:

Sec. 13.148. WATER SHORTAGE REPORT. (a) A retail public utility and each entity from which the utility is obtaining wholesale water service for the utility's retail system shall notify the commission when the utility or entity is reasonably certain that the water supply will be available for less than 180 days.

(b) The commission shall adopt rules to implement this section and prescribe the form and content of notice required under this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 252 was passed by the House on April 19, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 252 on May 17, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 252 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 15, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor