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H.B. No. 252

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to water shortage reporting by water utilities.

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) The commission shall require a retail public utility to:

(1) project the future period for which the utility's water supply is a reasonably certain source for the volume of water required for the utility's needs; and

(2) notify the commission when the utility's projected water supply is reasonably certain for less than 180 days.

(b) The commission by rule shall prescribe the form and content of notice required under this section.

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