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H.B. No. 857

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the frequency of water audits by certain retail public
3 utilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 16.0121(b), (b-1), and (c), Water Code,
6 are amended to read as follows:

7 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), a retail public
8 utility providing potable water [~~that receives from the board~~
9 ~~financial assistance~~] shall perform and file with the board an
10 annual water audit computing the utility's system water loss during
11 the preceding year.

12 (b-1) A retail public utility providing potable water that
13 does not receive from the board financial assistance and is serving
14 a population of 3,300 or less shall perform and file with the board
15 every five years a water audit computing the utility's most recent
16 annual system water loss.

17 (c) The board shall develop appropriate methodologies and
18 submission dates for a water audit required under Subsection (b) or
19 (b-1) for the following categories of retail public utilities:

20 (1) retail public utilities serving populations of
21 100,000 or more;

22 (2) retail public utilities serving populations of
23 50,000 or more but less than 100,000;

24 (3) retail public utilities serving populations of

1 ~~[more than]~~ 10,000 or more but less than 50,000; ~~[and]~~

2 (4) retail public utilities serving populations of
3 more than 3,300 but less than 10,000; and

4 (5) retail public utilities serving populations of
5 3,300 or less.

6 SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2014, a retail public
7 utility shall submit its initial annual water audit required by
8 Section 16.0121(b), Water Code, as amended by this Act. The initial
9 water audit shall compute the utility's most recent annual system
10 water loss.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.