

AN ACT

relating to the frequency of water audits by certain retail public utilities.

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

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

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

(b-1) A retail public utility providing potable water that does not receive from the board financial assistance and is providing service to 3,300 or fewer connections shall perform and file with the board every five years a water audit computing the utility's most recent annual system water loss.

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 857 was passed by the House on April 25, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 857 on May 16, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 4, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 857 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 13, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor