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H.B. No. 857

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 857:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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), (b-1), and (c), 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 serving a population of 3,300 or less shall perform and file with the board every five years a water audit computing the utility's most recent annual system water loss.

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

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

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

(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.