

1-1 By: Lucio III, Burnam (Senate Sponsor - Ellis) H.B. No. 857
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2013;
 1-3 April 30, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Natural Resources; May 9, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0;
 1-6 May 9, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 857 By: Ellis

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the frequency of water audits by certain retail public
 1-24 utilities.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Sections 16.0121(b), (b-1), and (c), Water Code,
 1-27 are amended to read as follows:

1-28 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), a retail public
 1-29 utility providing potable water [~~that receives from the board~~
 1-30 ~~financial assistance~~] shall perform and file with the board an
 1-31 annual water audit computing the utility's system water loss during
 1-32 the preceding year.

1-33 (b-1) A retail public utility providing potable water that
 1-34 does not receive from the board financial assistance and is serving
 1-35 a population of 3,300 or less shall perform and file with the board
 1-36 every five years a water audit computing the utility's most recent
 1-37 annual system water loss.

1-38 (c) The board shall develop appropriate methodologies and
 1-39 submission dates for a water audit required under Subsection (b) or
 1-40 (b-1) for the following categories of retail public utilities:

1-41 (1) retail public utilities serving populations of
 1-42 100,000 or more;

1-43 (2) retail public utilities serving populations of
 1-44 50,000 or more but less than 100,000;

1-45 (3) retail public utilities serving populations of
 1-46 [~~more than~~] 10,000 or more but less than 50,000; [~~and~~]

1-47 (4) retail public utilities serving populations of
 1-48 more than 3,300 but less than 10,000; and

1-49 (5) retail public utilities serving populations of
 1-50 3,300 or less.

1-51 SECTION 2. Not later than May 1, 2014, a retail public
 1-52 utility shall submit its initial annual water audit required by
 1-53 Section 16.0121(b), Water Code, as amended by this Act. The initial
 1-54 water audit shall compute the utility's most recent annual system
 1-55 water loss.

1-56 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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