

1-1 By: Howard (Senate Sponsor - Watson) H.B. No. 3813  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2013;  
 1-3 May 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 8, 2013, rereferred to Committee  
 1-5 on Natural Resources; May 16, 2013, reported adversely, with  
 1-6 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote:  
 1-7 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 16, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12			X	
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1-15			X	
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1-18	X			
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1-21 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3813 By: Estes

1-22 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-23 AN ACT

1-24 relating to municipal fire suppression standards in certain  
 1-25 municipalities.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Chapter 342, Local Government Code, is amended  
 1-28 by adding Subchapter Z to read as follows:

1-29 SUBCHAPTER Z. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1-30 Sec. 342.901. FIRE SUPPRESSION STANDARDS IN CERTAIN  
 1-31 MUNICIPALITIES. (a) This section applies to a general law  
 1-32 municipality that:

1-33 (1) has a population of less than 4,000;

1-34 (2) is located in a county that:

1-35 (A) has a population of more than one  
 1-36 million; and

1-37 (B) is adjacent to a county with a population of  
 1-38 more than 420,000; and

1-39 (3) is served by a district governed by Chapter 51,  
 1-40 Water Code.

1-41 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, the governing body of a  
 1-42 municipality may by ordinance establish water flow and water  
 1-43 pressure standards sufficient to provide adequate pressure to fire  
 1-44 suppression systems and require a district described by Subsection  
 1-45 (a)(3) that provides water service in the municipality to take  
 1-46 reasonable measures to comply with those standards.

1-47 (c) Before a municipality adopts an ordinance under this  
 1-48 section, the municipality shall, in consultation with the district  
 1-49 described by Subsection (a)(3) that is subject to the proposed  
 1-50 ordinance, estimate the costs associated with the proposed  
 1-51 ordinance.

1-52 (d) A district described by Subsection (a)(3) may recover  
 1-53 the costs associated with complying with an ordinance adopted under  
 1-54 this section through a surcharge assessed only to customers served  
 1-55 in the municipality to the extent that:

1-56 (1) complying with the ordinance results in additional  
 1-57 costs for the district; and

1-58 (2) the ordinance establishes water flow and water  
 1-59 pressure standards inside municipal boundaries that are different  
 1-60 than water flow and water pressure standards required outside

2-1 municipal boundaries.

2-2 (e) To the extent of a conflict between this section and any  
2-3 other law, this section controls.

2-4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-8 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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