

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, H.B. No. 1160 (Geren/Nelson)

By: Geren

H.R. No. 2560

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Texas, 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, That House Rule 13,
3 Section 9(a), be suspended in part as provided by House Rule 13,
4 Section 9(f), to enable the conference committee appointed to
5 resolve the differences on House Bill 1160 (the transfer of a
6 certificate of convenience and necessity in certain
7 municipalities) to consider and take action on the following
8 matter:

9 House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(1), is suspended to permit the
10 committee to change text not in disagreement in proposed Section 1
11 of the bill, in added Section 552.024(a), Local Government Code, to
12 read as follows:

13 (a) This section applies to:

14 (1) a municipality that:

15 (A) has a population of not more than 2,500;

16 (B) is located in a county that:

17 (i) has a population of 1.7 million or more;

18 and

19 (ii) has two municipalities with a
20 population of 300,000 or more; and

21 (C) is served by a public utility that:

22 (i) provides service to the entire
23 municipality; and

24 (ii) charges rates for 5,000 gallons of

1 water for residential customers that are at least 50 percent higher
2 than the rates charged by a municipally owned utility that serves
3 another part of the county in which the municipality is located; and

4 (2) a municipality:

5 (A) with a population of more than 95,000;

6 (B) located in a county that:

7 (i) borders Lake Palestine; and

8 (ii) has a population of more than 200,000;

9 (C) that owns and operates a utility that
10 provides sewer service; and

11 (D) that has an area within the boundaries of the
12 municipality that is certificated to another retail public utility
13 that provides sewer service.

14 Explanation: The change is necessary to specify the
15 municipalities to which the added section will apply.