

By: Watson

S.B. No. 199

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the evaluation by applicants for permits for certain
3 electric generating facilities of water-efficient cooling
4 technologies.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 382, Health and Safety
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 382.069 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 382.069. EVALUATION OF WATER-EFFICIENT COOLING
9 TECHNOLOGIES. The commission may not issue, amend, or renew a
10 permit for an electric generating facility in which water-cooling
11 technology is used or proposed for use unless the applicant has
12 submitted an evaluation of water-efficient cooling technologies,
13 including dry cooling, as an alternative to the water-cooling
14 technology used or proposed for use by the facility.

15 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
16 an application for a permit, permit amendment, or permit renewal
17 that is submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
18 on or after the effective date of this Act.

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