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S.B. No. 1337

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the powers of the governing body of a public utility in certain municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 552, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 552.915 to read as follows:

Sec. 552.915. UTILITY CONTRACTS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. (a) In this section, "utility system" means an electric, water, sewer, solid waste disposal, drainage utility, or natural gas system, or any combination of those systems.

(b) This section applies only to a municipality located in a county:

(1) with a population of at least 375,000;

(2) that is located on an international border; and

(3) that borders the Gulf of Mexico.

(c) Notwithstanding any limitation provided by a home-rule charter, the governing body, board of trustees, or other entity vested with the management and control of the municipality's utility system may contract for the purchase, sale, or transfer of natural gas under terms the governing body, board of trustees, or other entity considers appropriate.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.