By: Sheets H.B. No. 1662

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1	AN ACT	

- 2 relating to the exemption of certain property from municipal
- 3 drainage service charges.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 552.053, Local Government Code, is
- 6 amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to
- 7 read as follows:
- 8 (d) A municipality may exempt property owned by a religious
- 9 organization that is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section
- 10 11.20, Tax Code, from all or a portion of drainage charges under
- 11 this subchapter, as the governing body of the municipality
- 12 <u>considers appropriate</u>.
- 13 <u>(d-1)</u> A municipality may exempt property used for cemetery
- 14 purposes from drainage charges under Section 552.047 if the
- 15 cemetery is closed to new interments and does not accept new
- 16 burials.
- 17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 21 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.