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H.B. No. 3985

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to granting to the board of trustees of certain
3 municipally owned utilities the authority to set the compensation
4 of employees necessary to provide service and protect against
5 interruption.

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

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

9 Sec. 552.915. PERSONNEL AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN BOARDS OF
10 TRUSTEES. (a) This section applies only to a board of trustees
11 described by Section 1502.070(a)(2)(B), Government Code.

12 (b) Notwithstanding any limitation provided by a home-rule
13 charter or any other policy of a municipal governing body, a board
14 of trustees has the exclusive authority to set the salary or
15 compensation of employees of its utility system in positions
16 classified as necessary to provide efficient service and protect
17 against service interruption.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.