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H.B. No. 4458

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the sources of supply of water for certain municipally owned water utilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 552, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 552.025 to read as follows:

Sec. 552.025. MULTIPLE SOURCES OF SUPPLY FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPALLY OWNED UTILITIES. (a) In this section, "municipally owned utility" and "utility" have the meanings assigned by Section 13.002, Water Code.

(b) This section applies only to a municipally owned utility that serves:

(1) a municipality with a population of more than 500,000; and

(2) offices or other facilities of a state agency.

(c) A municipally owned utility shall have at least two sources of water supply available to the utility for the purposes of the provision of its services.

(d) A municipally owned utility that on the effective date of this section is not in compliance with the requirement of Subsection (c) immediately shall acquire, develop, or contract for one or more alternative sources of water for the provision of its services so that the utility meets that requirement before September 1, 2023. This subsection expires September 1, 2025.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.