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H.B. No. 4588

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to mailed notice of certain environmental permits.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5.552, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

(d-1) For any notice required by mail for a permit or permit amendment issued under Subchapter C, Chapter 361, Health and Safety Code, or Subchapter C, Chapter 382, Health and Safety Code, if the elementary or middle school nearest to the facility or proposed facility provides a bilingual education program as required by Subchapter B, Chapter 29, Education Code, the notice must be written in English and in the language taught in the bilingual education program.

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SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only

1 to a permit application that is filed with the Texas Commission on
2 Environmental Quality on or after the effective date of this Act. A
3 permit application filed before the effective date of this Act is
4 governed by the law in effect on the date of filing, and that law is
5 continued in effect for that purpose.

6 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.