By:  Creighton S.B. No. 784

(In the Senate - Filed February 24, 2021; March 11, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs; April 20, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 1; April 20, 2021, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Perry           X

Springer        X

Creighton       X

Eckhardt            X

Gutierrez       X

Johnson         X

Kolkhorst       X

Powell          X

Taylor          X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to rates established by municipalities for water and sewer services.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter D, Chapter 13, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 13.0835 to read as follows:

Sec. 13.0835.  PROHIBITION ON RATE DISCRIMINATION. A municipality or a municipally owned utility may not establish a rate applicable only to entities that qualify for a sales tax or ad valorem tax exemption that is higher than a rate established for entities that receive comparable utility services.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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