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H.B. No. 1714

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of certain municipalities to impose a fee for water or sewer service to raise revenue for a municipally owned or operated animal shelter.

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

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

Sec. 552.915. FEE FOR WATER OR SEWER SERVICE IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. (a) This section applies only to a municipality with a population of less than 150,000.

(b) A municipality's authority under this section is in addition to authority granted by municipal charter.

(c) A utility that provides water or sewer service and is owned, operated, or controlled by a municipality may assess a fee for water or sewer service of not more than \$1 per month for transfer under Subsection (d).

(d) The municipality that owns, operates, or controls the utility described by Subsection (c) may:

(1) transfer revenue from the fee authorized by Subsection (c) to the general fund of the municipality; and

(2) use the revenue for the purposes of an animal shelter, as defined by Section 823.001, Health and Safety Code, that is owned or operated by the municipality.

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