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S.B. No. 307

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the transmission of water across two or more county lines for the purpose of providing wholesale water service.

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

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

SUBCHAPTER O. TRANSMISSION OF WATER FOR WHOLESALE SERVICE

Sec. 13.551. WHOLESALE TRANSMISSION PIPELINE IN THREE OR MORE COUNTIES. (a) This section applies only to transmission of water by a pipeline of more than 24 inches in diameter.

(b) A person may transmit potable water by pipeline across two or more county lines for the purpose of providing wholesale water service only if the person is a local government corporation created under Subchapter D, Chapter 431, Transportation Code, to aid and act on behalf of the counties through which the pipeline travels.

SECTION 2. Section 13.551, Water Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a pipeline that begins to be used for providing wholesale water service on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.