

By: Perry

S.B. No. 1289

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disposal of reclaimed wastewater.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 26, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 26.02715 to read as follows:

Sec. 26.02715. DISPOSAL OF RECLAIMED WASTEWATER TO WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM. (a) A wastewater treatment facility that treats domestic wastewater for reuse may dispose of the treated wastewater without a permit for an alternative means of disposal if the facility:

(1) disposes of the water through a wastewater collection system; and

(2) has the consent of the operator of:

(A) the wastewater collection system that will receive the water; and

(B) any wastewater treatment facility that will treat the water.

(b) The commission shall adopt rules to implement and enforce this subsection.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall adopt the rules required by Section 26.02715, Water Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.