

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The bill author has informed the committee that the limited public visibility of the specific charges municipalities apply to their utility services has raised concerns about accountability, billing transparency, and potential confusion for customers regarding rate setting and adjustment. H.B. 1991 seeks to ensure that utility customers and the general public are informed of charges imposed for municipal utility services by requiring municipalities to publish the terms and conditions of utility charges on both the utility system's and the municipality's websites.

H.B. 1991 amends current law relating to information regarding certain charges for services provided by municipally owned utility systems.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 1502.057, Government Code, by adding Subsection (d) to require a municipality that imposes operating, maintenance, replacement, or improvement charges under Subsection (a) (relating to requiring a municipality to impose certain charges for services provided by a utility system) to publish the terms and conditions of the charges on the utility system's and the municipality's Internet websites and, not later than the 30th day after the date the municipality adopts a change to the terms and conditions of the charges, to update the utility system's and the municipality's Internet websites to reflect the change.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2025.